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SIR KNIGHT DWIGHT C. PAGE

(Past Grand Commander)



Dwight C. Page

Sir Knight Dwight C. Page was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on May 2, 1896, the son of Frank Dwight Page and Lyda Tacie Johnson.

He was educated in the Public Schools of Fitchburg and the Fitchburg High School. He married Edith Helen Black on July 12, 1915. He is a member of the Unitarian Church.

Business — Executive Vice President, General Manager and Member of the Board of Directors of The Leon J. Barrett Co. of Worcester, Mass. (A Reg. Prof. Eng. Cert. No. 4129.) He was Chief of the Metal Forming Equipment Section of the War Production Board, Wash., D. C., 1943-44.

Sir Knight Page was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester, on March 18, 1938.

CAPITULAR MASONRY

He was exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, Worcester, Mass., on June 13, 1938. He is a Life Member.

CRYPTIC MASONRY

He was Greeted in Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, Worcester, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1942. He is a Life Member.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY

He was Knighted in Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K.T., Worcester, Massachusetts on March 23, 1939. (Life Member) and served as Eminent Commander 1945-1946.

GRAND COMMANDERY

He was appointed an Officer in Grand Commandery, K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, by R. : E. : Sir Harold S. Crocker, on October 16, 1946 and was honored by being elected Grand Commander on October 12, 1957.

He is a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Florida, near this Grand Jurisdiction.

He holds honorary membership in St. John's Commandery No. 1, Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 and Bristol Commandery No. 29. He is a Past President of Mass. and R.I. association of K.T. Commanders. Honorary Member P. C. assn. of Vermont.

SCOTTISH RITE

He became a member of Worcester Lodge of Perfection 14°, Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 18, 1940. Goddard Council Princes of Jerusalem 16°, Worcester, Mass., on December 2, 1940, Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, Worcester, Mass., on December 23, 1940, Massachusetts Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°, Boston, Massachusetts, on December 30, 1940 (Life Member).

SHRINE

He is a member of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Boston, Massachusetts and The Worcester County Shrine Club.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Charter Member and Past Preceptor, Damascus Temple XXVI, Grand College of America H.R.A.K.T.P., member of Alethia Grotto, Worcester Rotary Club, Worcester Economic Club, Worcester Engineering Society, Worcester Mechanics Association, American Society of Tool Engineers, American Management Association, American Ordinance Association, Sons of American Revolution and Honorary Vice Admiral, Bellingham Navy Yard.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND
THE APPENDANT ORDERS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND
for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 11, 1958



DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander*

October 12, 1957 to October 11, 1958

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts
and Rhode Island

AT THE

SPECIAL CONCLAVE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER 27, 1957

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened at 1:30 P.M., Friday, December 27, 1958 in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, Sir Knight Dwight C. Page, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by Eminent and Reverend Sir Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, this Special Conclave has been called for just one purpose, to act on resolutions which have been incorporated in the order of the notice for business. The first order of business will, therefore, be the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is the Committee ready to report?

E. . . SIR GEORGE B. ROWELL: R. . . E. . . Sir, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. (Reading)

To the Grand Commander and Members of Grand Commandery:

The resolutions appearing on the notice of the Special Conclave have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for report. These resolutions have been proposed to conform to the general purposes of Templar Masonry with the general purposes of Masonry as set forth in the Preamble to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter and the Grand Council have already adopted corresponding legislation.

The Jurisprudence Committee has been in touch with the Grand Master's Committee which is considering various aspects of the taxation of Masonic Bodies and Masonic Temples, and it is the opinion of the Grand Master's Committee that it is desirable for all Masonic Bodies to set forth their charitable purposes in explicit terms in order to take advantage of recent legislation affecting the taxation of bequests to Masonic Bodies and the taxation of Masonic Temples.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends that the second resolution appearing on the notice of this Special Conclave be adopted exactly as printed on the notice and proposes that it be incorporated in the Constitutions and Regulations of Grand Commandery as Section 6 of Article X, to be adopted at the semi-annual Conclave in 1958.

Your Committee recommends that the first resolution appearing on the notice be re-worded in order to state in full the fundamental purposes as applicable to Templar Masonry rather than incorporating the purposes by reference, and accordingly the Committee recommends that the resolution be re-worded as follows:

PREAMBLE

Templar Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious secret society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient customs and rituals, including the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a Sir Knight be traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Commandery is in session, worship of God and our Lord Jesus Christ is ever a part of its ceremonial, and to its neophytes and Sir Knights alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet is it not theological.

It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality, based upon the Sacred Law, by a prescribed ceremonial.

It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed Sir Knights, by caring for the widows and orphans of Sir Knights, and by providing for the education of orphans and the children of needy Sir Knights.

It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the health and happiness of mankind.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity.

We propose that this be incorporated as a preamble to the Constitutions and Regulations to be adopted at the semi-annual Conclave in 1958.

The Committee further proposes that Article XI, Section 2, of the Constitutions and Regulations be amended by inserting the word "Templar" in the second line thereof so that the first sentence of said Section 2 will read as follows:

The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other Templar purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
GEORGE B. ROWELL
WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON

I move the acceptance of the report and the adoption of the resolutions.

(Discussion on the acceptance of the report and the adoption of the resolution followed.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report and recommendations. Is there anything to be said on the subject?

V.: E.: SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: Question

THE GRAND COMMANDER: This requires a two-thirds vote. All in favor signify by raising the sword arm. Those opposed. It is a unanimous vote and the resolutions are so adopted.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! E.: Grand Prelate, you will lead our Devotions.

REV. AND E.: SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL: To God's Mercy and Protection we commit thee. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you peace now and forever more. In the Name of the Blessed Immanuel, Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated.

I now declare the Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned. E.: Grand Warder, you will inform the Sentinel.

(Grand Sentinel so informed by the Grand Warder.)

E.: SIR WILLIAM W. ARMOUR: R.: E.: Grand Commander, your order has been obeyed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you are dismissed.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

152ND SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 24, 1958

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the 152nd Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this twenty-fourth day of May 1958, at the Masonic Temple, 17 Ionic Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts at 10:35 A.M. for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Sir Knight Dwight C. Page, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by Eminent and Reverend Sir Otis L. Mason, Associate Grand Prelate.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE	<i>R.E. Grand Commander</i>
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE	<i>V.E. Deputy Grand Commander</i>
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY	<i>E. Grand Generalissimo</i>
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH	<i>E. Grand Captain General</i>
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL	<i>E. Grand Senior Warden</i>
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS	<i>E. Grand Junior Warden</i>
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON	<i>E. Associate Grand Prelate</i>
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN	<i>R.E. Grand Treasurer</i>
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS	<i>R.E. Grand Recorder</i>
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST	<i>E. Grand Standard Bearer</i>
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN	<i>E. Grand Sword Bearer</i>
Sir Kt. GILBERT B. MACHON	<i>E. Grand Captain of the Guard</i>
Sir Kt. JOHN F. MITCHELL	<i>E. Grand Warder</i>
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS	<i>E. Grand Sentinel</i>
Sir Kt. RUSSELL R. LONG	<i>E. Division Commander</i>
Sir Kt. G. BURTON LONG	<i>E. Division Commander</i>
Sir Kt. THOMAS C. BROWN	<i>E. Inspector Instructor</i>

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R..E..Sir JOHN E. RINES	R..E..Sir ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.
R..E..Sir FRANK H. WILSON	R..E..Sir FREDERIC KENNEDY
R..E..Sir HAROLD S. CROCKER	R..E..Sir HARRIE M. TAFT
R..E..Sir GEORGE A. WEEKS	R..E..Sir KENNETH H. EARLE
R..E..Sir A. KENNETH MARTIN	R..E..Sir MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R..E..Sir THOMAS A. BOOTH	

Total number of Sir Knights present 123, representing 35 Commanderies.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated.

I have unexpected sad news to bring you this morning. I learned a few moments ago that our R..E..Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Benjamin F. Downing, passed away yesterday. I am going to ask you all to rise and stand for a moment in memory of R..E..Sir Downing.

R..E..Sir JOHN E. RINES: R..E..Grand Commander, I move you Sir, that the Standards of the Constituent Commanderies be draped in black for a period of one month in memory of our departed Past Grand Commander. (Voted unanimously.)

WORCESTER, MASS., MAY 24, 1958

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS

Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome you to the 152nd Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

Today, after a lapse of ten years, we again meet in this beautiful Temple in the City of Worcester, Massachusetts, as the guests of the Masonic Temple through the courtesy of the Officers and Sir Knights of Worcester County Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar — Sir Knight, Clayton Fay Fisher, Eminent Commander.

At this time I want to publicly express the thanks of this Grand Commandery to the Sir Knights who made this Conclave possible, and to Eminent Sir Fisher and the Officers of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders, who made the arrangements for the luncheon at the Wachusett Country Club. It is this spirit of cooperation that makes Templary and carries out our Grand Master's slogan, "A Revitalized and Greater Templary."

Templary here and throughout the country has had its great leaders, its wise administrators, its noble corps of skilled officers, together with the Sir Knights who have followed loyally and supported these leaders. They have been law-abiding, liberty loving, clean, honest American citizens; with such leadership and with such a following, there is no cause to wonder that our cherished Order exists today and that we are again privileged to reconvene this Grand Commandery.

MEMBERSHIP

As of June 30, 1957 our membership totalled 14,848; 152 short of the 15,000 total which I felt should be our goal this year.

Annual returns of the last several years indicate that we must create six new Knights to obtain a net gain of one; average losses thru deaths take three and one half, suspensions one, and demits one half, or a total of five out of six.

Based on this record we need at least 910 Knighted Petitioners to meet the 15,000 net membership goal; and an objective of 1,000 petitions was set for the year.

To date we have attained but approximately two-thirds of our objective. It is obvious that to avoid the possibility of a net loss, an unthinkable situation in this oldest jurisdiction in the Nation, we must not only make a special effort to obtain the petitions needed in the short time remaining, but Knight every petitioner before June 30th. DO NOT HOLD ANY OVER FOR NEXT YEAR.

It is recognized of course that with the slackening of business and substantial increase in unemployment in this highly industrialized area, conditions have been far from favorable; financial limitations have held back many sincerely interested potential members. As a whole, I feel that we have not fared too badly under the very adverse circumstances which prevail. The record of two or three of our larger Commanderies has been quite disappointing to date but I am very grateful to the twelve Commanderies who have met or bettered their quotas as of May 1, and the Commanders and Sir Knights by and large who thru their efforts have proven that recessions, or what have you, are no deterrent to those willing to make the necessary effort and really work for the benefit of Templary.

I am still confident that thru your continued effort we shall see a substantial gain in membership this year when final returns are in after the close of our Commandery year on June 30.

INSPECTIONS AND MARKING

All Inspections are now completed, but to the best of my knowledge final results have not been tabulated as some reports are not yet available.

In my instructions to Grand Officers October 23, 1957 I requested that matters of general conduct at Inspections, prompting by Grand Officers, and any other action which might tend to detract from the dignity of, and respect due, the work of the Order, be given serious attention by all Inspecting Officers. The effective response and cooperation of all Officers to this end and thruout the year is greatly appreciated.

The Staff of Marking Officers was reduced from nine to three this year in the interest of more uniform marking. Major readjustments were made in the points allotted to each Officer and participant in the work of Inspection with due regard to the words of ritualistic work required and orders given or executed. New Inspection Marking forms were designed to facilitate marking and provide necessary instruction to Marking Officers on several points previously open to question. The new Inspecting Officers' Report form this year is designed to obtain and record essential information, conveniently arranged, and with provision for adequately recording data considered essential for the establishment of an overall attainment mark for each Commandery.

The role of the Marking Officer is not an enviable one. The very nature of his obligation — to mark conscientiously as he sees the work, and in accordance with the standards set — and let the chips fall where they may, is such that both just and unjust criticism cannot be avoided; for none of us as individuals, nor any system of marking, can be wholly perfect. Among other things, the attendance factor, and its effect upon the mark continues to present a problem which grows with the size of a Commandery. I expect to offer a few recommendations at the Annual Conclave which may be helpful and worthy of consideration in connection with this and other matters pertaining to Inspections.

I am grateful indeed to our Inspector Instructor E.:S.: Thomas C. Brown, and our Marking Officers, E.:Sirs Harold L. Burr, Karsten M. Sandmo, and Edward F. Norton, for their conscientious efforts to discharge their difficult duties fairly and equitably, without fear or favor. And to our Division Commanders too, who have worked faithfully and I am sure helpfully, in their endeavors to be of all possible assistance to the Commanderies assigned for their special consideration, and to conduct their required Inspections with credit to Templary and all concerned.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Exemplifications as initiated last year produced many beneficial

results and were again embraced in this year's program under the direction of our G.C.G. Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth.

One of our major objectives was to so plan our program that all Commanderies might participate in an Exemplification prior to their own Inspection. With but few exceptions this objective was accomplished.

Five Exemplifications were held. All were well attended, many questionable points cleared, and I am sure it has been obvious to all concerned that much has been accomplished in our endeavor to establish and maintain uniformity in the work thruout the jurisdiction.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to E.:S.: Clarence E. Booth who organized and directed the program, to the Grand Commandery Officers who worked out the arrangements, to the Em. Commanders who offered the use of their asylums, to all who participated and assisted in any way, and to E.:S.: Thomas C. Brown for his conduction of the work and the question periods at each Exemplification. I feel that this has been a very worthwhile program and that all participants benefited substantially from it.

YORK RITE NIGHTS

It is my firm belief that York Rite Nights, led and conducted by outstanding speakers fully qualified to present and discuss the three Orders of York Rite Masonry, provide the best known medium to present the opportunity, and to arouse the desire, for further Light in Masonry, and for membership in this great Christian Order of Knights Templar.

I am deeply grateful to our P.G.C., Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. for his willingness to direct our York Rite Night program this year and to speak on behalf of the Grand Commandery on these occasions of which there have been eleven to date.

On each occasion the Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery, or their representatives, were present. Results have well confirmed my belief in the value of York Rite Nights to all York Rite Bodies, and to Templary in particular. R.:E.: Sir Wilson's report on this activity will follow later.

ORDERS OF THE RED CROSS AND MALTA

A satisfied customer is our best salesman. Abbreviated or unimpressive work, whether it be the Order of the Temple, the Red Cross, or Malta, leaves much to be desired. The candidate sooner or later realizes that he did not receive all he was entitled to, or that the work he looked forward to with interest and enthusiasm, was not considered by those who presented it, to be worthy of the degree of perfection he expected to find in these highest Orders of York Rite Masonry.

Properly presented, no additional regalia, no further ceremony, can add to the profound impressiveness of the Order of the Temple. But in the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta much can be done thruout the jurisdiction to improve their presentation and make it possible for each and every candidate to receive them, completely and impressively presented, and in full and dramatic form.

Our G.G. Em. Sir Elliott N. Holley has been charged with the responsibility for improving the situation this year. Much has been accomplished as is evident from the notices of Dramatic form Red Cross and Malta presentations in many Commanderies and we look forward to his report on this activity at our Annual Conclave in October.

SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITS

You will have noted from my remarks under the heading of Membership that losses thru suspensions and demits are a matter of some moment in their effect on our net membership from year to year.

On January 29, Official Order No. 4 and Official Letter No. 2 were sent to all Commanders and Recorders, followed shortly by Official Letter No. 3 of February 5 providing statistical data and calling attention to the seriousness of these losses and offering assistance in an endeavor to hold them to a minimum.

Comment and very gratifying response has indicated that your Grand Commander's action on this matter has been helpful in pointing up the facts and the need for attention.

Obviously members who by their statements, action, failure to meet proper obligations, or in other ways clearly evidence their lack of appreciation of membership and interest, are no asset to any organization.

On the other hand, due regard to the obligations of Templary demand that each and every case involving non-payment of dues or request for demit be fully and conscientiously investigated to make sure that the action decided upon is for the best interest of both the Order and the Sir Knight concerned. Adversity, temporary or otherwise, may befall any of us at one time or another, and special arrangements to meet such situations should not be difficult to work out. Let us do as we would be done by. The casual or off-hand suspension of any Sir Knight for non-payment of dues without adequate investigation of all circumstances should have no place in the tenets of our Order. Such losses are unnecessary, unwarranted, and contrary to the best interests of all concerned.

A full report of suspensions and demits for the year will not be available until after June 30 but it is certainly encouraging to note the interest and attention being given to the matter by so many of our Commanders and Recorders.

IN MEMORIAM

On April 14th Grand Commandery was shocked to learn of the passing of Em. Sir William W. Armour, Eminent Grand Warder, a true and loyal friend of many years; a Sir Knight ever ready to serve and further the cause of Templary. And again on April 15th, Sir Knight Herbert F. Sawyer, who served this Grand Commandery as Eminent Grand Sentinel for twenty years, and a Knight Templar for sixty-five years — another true Knight Templar.

"They passed beyond the horizon where we cannot see them
But they have found that new life, the dawn of an eternal day."

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND WARDER

On May 16, 1958 E.:S.: John F. Mitchell, a Past Commander of Worcester County Commandery No. 5, was appointed to serve this Grand Commandery as Grand Warder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICE RELOCATION

Due to the needs of the Grand Lodge for a more efficient arrangement of Grand Lodge offices and operation, it has been necessary to remove the Grand Commandery Office to the 4th floor, where we now occupy Rooms 405 and 406, a somewhat less desirable location than the quarters we have occupied for many years in Rooms 205 and 206.

Some questions and problems in connection with the change remain to be worked out and if necessary a full report on the matter will be made at our Annual Conclave in October.

CONCLUSION

Every Master Mason should be a potential and prospective petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood.

The Great Captain of our Salvation has in years gone by bestowed His richest blessings upon us as Knights Templar, members of an Order founded upon the Christian Religion, and the practice of Christian virtues. Grant that we may continue to be worthy of His favor.

May we, not only in our asylums and places of worship, but in our everyday lives and contacts with our fellow men, learn to yield ourselves more completely to the way and will of Christ with beneficence for the needy, sympathy for the suffering, comfort for the sorrowing, and generous support of all that would promote the peace and good order of society.

Let us strive as members of this Order, and hope that men of all races and creeds may come in time to be guided and actuated by a willingness to "... declare in truth and soberness that I entertain no enmity or ill will against a soul on earth, which I would not freely reconcile, should I find in him a corresponding

disposition"; to the end that peace and happiness shall prevail over greed, selfishness, and the lust for power in the minds of men.

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This has been a busy year. I have given gladly and unstintingly of my time and energy to the duties of this office and the advancement of Templary along all lines which have seemed to offer opportunity or need for attention. Results can not be fully evaluated at this time but I hope that when the record of my stewardship is placed before you at our Annual Conclave on October 11, I may be found worthy of the confidence and trust as well as the fine support I have received from our Grand Officers and from our Commanderries thruout the year.

And now let us turn to the business of this Conclave.

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE

Grand Commander

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I move you, Sir, that the Semi-Annual address of our R.:E.:Grand Commander be accepted and printed in the proceedings. (Voted unanimously.)

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

May 12, 1958

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderries have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8 K.T., Article 4, Section 3, copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, Article IX, Section 1, Page 13, Line 12, Article IX, Section 8, Page 14; Article XVIII, Section 2, copy of which is attached hereto.
3. Proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Winslow Lewis Commandery, Section 3, Article 9, copy of which is attached hereto.
4. Authorization to Narragansett Commandery No. 27, K.T. for removal, etc., copy of which is attached hereto.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

HOLY SEPULCHRE COMMANDERY, No. 8, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

By-Laws amendment approved by Grand Commandery June 1956

ARTICLE 4

FEES

Section 3. Every accepted candidate shall pay to the Recorder, before receiving the Order of the Red Cross, the sum of thirty-five dollars, together with a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the prescribed uniform adopted by the Commandery; and before receiving the Order of the Temple, the further sum of thirty-five dollars.

Every Knight Templar receiving the Orders in this Commandery shall become a member thereof upon signing the By-Laws.

The following amendment to the By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, K.T., was proposed, read at the regular Conclave November 15, 1957. It was printed in the December notice and at the regular Conclave December 20, 1957 it was voted to make the proposed change in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 4

FEES

Section 3. Every accepted candidate shall pay the Recorder before receiving the Order of the Red Cross, the sum of thirty dollars, together with a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the prescribed uniform adopted by the Commandery; and before receiving the Order of the Temple, the further sum of twenty dollars.

Every Knight Templar receiving the Orders in this Commandery shall become a member thereof upon signing the By-Laws.

ARTHUR L. WILBUR
Recorder

Proposed Amendments to Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to be Presented for Action at this Semi-Annual Conclave

MOVED to amend Article IX, Section 1, Page 13, Line 12, to omit Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of one member.

MOVED to amend Article IX, Section 8, Page 14, to omit the entire section.

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Or such figure in lieu of "eighty-four and one-half" as may be voted at the conclave of the Grand Commandery.

The above amendments were submitted at the Annual Conclave in October for action at our Semi-Annual Conclave in May, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

WINSLOW LEWIS COMMANDERY, No. 18, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

November 5, 1957

RT. EM. GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
Room 205, Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

Dear Grand Recorder:

Herewith are the three copies of the amendment adopted by Winslow Lewis Commandery at the last Conclave, said proposal having been carried on the last two notices in accordance with their by-laws.

This amendment was adopted unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Proposed that Section 3 of Article 9 be deleted.

This section now reads as follows:

"All funds of this Commandery shall be invested, or reinvested by the Board of Trustees, in Massachusetts Savings and Co-Operative Banks, or in such securities only as are legal for savings banks in the State of Massachusetts."

WALTER D. COOK
Recorder

NARRAGANSETT COMMANDERY, No. 27, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

November 7, 1957

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
Grand Commandery, K.T.
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

Rt. Eminent and Dear George:

The Westerly Masonic Foundation has just completed a new Masonic Center here in Westerly into which all of the Rhode Island Masonic Bodies in town will move later on this month.

It is therefore requested that Narragansett Commandery No. 27, K.T. be authorized to move its asylum, armory and equipment from our present location at 58 High Street in Westerly to the new Temple at 20 Elm Street also in Westerly and that beginning with our stated conclave to be held on December 6, 1957, Narragansett Commandery be permitted to hold its conclaves at the new address.

Courteously yours,

DONALD W. KENNETH,
Recorder

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

In Grand Commandery
Boston, Massachusetts
December 27, 1957

*To the Grand Commander and
Members of Grand Commandery:*

The resolutions appearing on the notice of the Special Conclave have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for report. These resolutions have been proposed to conform the general purposes of Templar Masonry with the general purposes of Masonry as set forth in the Preamble to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter and the Grand Council have already adopted corresponding legislation.

The Jurisprudence Committee has been in touch with the Grand Master's Committee which is considering various aspects of the taxation of Masonic Bodies and Masonic Temples, and it is the opinion of the Grand Master's Committee that it is desirable for all Masonic Bodies to set forth their charitable purposes in explicit terms in order to take advantage of recent legislation affecting the taxation of bequests to Masonic Bodies and the taxation of Masonic Temples.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends that the second resolution appearing on the notice of this Special Conclave be adopted exactly as printed on the notice and proposes that it be incorporated in the Constitutions and Regulations of Grand Commandery as Section 6 of Article X, to be adopted at the Semi-Annual Conclave in 1958.

Your Committee recommends that the first resolution appearing on the notice be re-worded in order to state in full the fundamental purposes as applicable to Templar Masonry rather than incorporating the purposes by reference, and accordingly the Committee recommends that the resolution be re-worded as follows:

PREAMBLE

Templar Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious secret society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient customs and rituals, including the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a Sir Knight be traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Commandery is in session, worship of God and our Lord Jesus Christ is ever a part of its ceremonial, and to its neophytes and Sir Knights alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not theological.

It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality, based upon the Sacred Law, by a prescribed ceremonial.

It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed Sir Knights, by caring for the widows and orphans of Sir Knights, and by providing for the education of orphans and the children of needy Sir Knights.

It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the health and happiness of mankind.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, or worship, and of charity.

We propose that this be incorporated as a preamble to the Constitutions and Regulations to be adopted at the Semi-Annual Conclave in 1958.

The Committee further proposes that Article XI, Section 2, of the Constitutions and Regulations be amended by inserting the word "Templar" in the second line thereof so that the first sentence of said Section 2 will read as follows:

The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other Templar purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
GEORGE B. ROWELL
WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I move you, Sir, that Amendments 1, 3 and 5 pertaining to Holy Sepulchre, Winslow Lewis and Narragansett be accepted at this time. (Voted unanimously.)

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: We have Amendments to the Grand Constitution. These Amendments, which have been approved for the Grand Commandery, are all printed on the notice. To comply with the request of the State Statutes it was necessary to make a change and add a Preamble to our Constitution. In order to get it through the State in time it was necessary to hold a special conclave and that was held on December 27. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee at that time was read, accepted, the Preamble was adopted, and now it becomes necessary to make it law so that it is on our books. The State has been informed by the proper authorities that this has been done and it is simply ratifying.

That report is signed by E.:Sir Louis L. Green, Chairman; R.:E.:Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., E.:Sir George B. Rowell, E.:Sir Whitfield W. Johnson and E.:Sir J. Cunliffe Bullock.

A lengthy discussion followed on the Preamble to the Constitution of this Grand Commandery.

R.:E.:SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: I would suggest the following two Amendments to the Preamble: If you have the Preamble in front of you on Page 4, fourth paragraph, strike out the words, "Sir Knights," at the end and put a period after "Needy" and put the "The" in front of "Needy." It would then read, "It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed Sir Knights, by caring for the widows and orphans of Sir Knights, and by providing for the education of orphans and children of the needy, irrespective of race, color or creed."

"The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., officially established by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America assure assistance for this project amounting to at least \$1.00 annually from every Knight Templar and such medical aid is afforded irrespective of race, color or creed."

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now we have before us the acceptance of the entire Resolution and Preamble as amended and I am going to ask without further question for a vote on that. We are now talking about the adoption of the Resolution and Preamble of the Constitution as printed on your notice and amended by the action taken at this conclave. Any questions?

(The following resolutions and Preamble were unanimously adopted.)

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including the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a Sir Knight be traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

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It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity.

RESOLUTIONS

MOVED to add a new section to Article X to be known as

Section 6. When the Charter of a Commandery is surrendered or arrested, the funds and other property of such extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Commandery.

MOVED to amend Article XI, Section 2, by inserting the word "Templar" in the second line thereof so that the first sentence of said Section 2 will read as follows:

"The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other Templar purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery."

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now take action on the following Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery:

MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, Section 1, Page 13, Line 12, to omit Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of one member.

MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Page 14, to omit the entire section.

(The above amendments were unanimously adopted.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We have one more question to come before us:

MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE XVIII, Section 2 by changing the word "seventy" to read "eighty-four and one-half" so that said Section shall read:

Section 2. Every Constituent Commandery shall make annually to the Grand Recorder on or before the fifteenth of August a return of the Roll of Officers and members and of all candidates for the Orders accepted or rejected up to and including June 30 next preceding and pay to this Grand Commandery five dollars for every Knight receiving the Order of the Temple and 84½ cents plus the amount of per capita dues assessed by Grand Encampment for every member returned and from the sum thus collected shall be paid the assessment for every member levied by the Grand Encampment. A Commandery failing to make said return on or before the fifteenth day of August shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

Or such figure in lieu of "eighty-four and one-half" as may be voted at the conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(After discussing the above amendment, it was moved and seconded: that action on this Amendment to Article XVIII be put over to the next Annual Conclave to be held on October 11, 1958.)

Worcester, Mass., May 24, 1958

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

*To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Christmas Offering and Good Cheer reports its activities for 1957-1958 as follows:

Under date of October 16, 1957, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by your Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dwight C. Page, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collection Funds for the poor and needy.

*"And as ye would that men should do to you,
do ye also to them likewise." St. Luke 6:31*

Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of \$8,465.14 which puts us back into the 1951 class. Our greatest collection year was in 1952 when we collected the total of \$9,097.80. We are still far short of our quota of \$1.00 for EACH MEMBER IN THIS GRAND JURISDICTION.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

1931	\$ 5,768.24	1945	\$ 6,033.19
1932	4,973.75	1946	6,699.20
1933	4,436.65	1947	6,820.59
1934	4,946.82	1948	7,253.27
1935	4,088.37	1949	7,669.24
1936	4,915.34	1950	7,912.75
1937	4,798.91	1951	8,431.52
1938	4,608.07	1952	9,097.80
1939	4,386.23	1953	8,712.47
1940	4,610.99	1954	8,757.85
1941	4,588.35	1955	8,657.68
1942	4,217.04	1956	8,665.73
1943	4,715.01	1957	8,465.14
1944	5,732.60		
			\$169,962.80

Courteously yours,

R.: E.: SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
E.: SIR ALDEN C. SAUNDERS
E.: SIR CHARLES E. PARSLAW
E.: SIR JOHN W. MACKAY
E.: SIR CHARLES W. HULL
E.: SIR HOWARD E. WHITE
E.: SIR GEORGE M. DODGE
E.: SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
E.: SIR ARVIN C. M. FRENCH

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

Worcester, Mass., May 24, 1958

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.:

Sir Knights:

Supplementing the Financial Report of the Educational Foundation Committee for the Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as prepared by our Auditor, Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer for the year ending December 31st, 1957, copies of which have been filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A., which report has been approved, and with the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, which report will be published in the 1958 Proceedings; we present additional information regarding the workings of your Committee.

From January 1st, 1957 to December 31st, 1957, we granted 108 loans to 78 male students amounting to \$36,676.50 and 30 female students amounting to \$12,928.00, making a total of \$49,604.50. Several requests were rejected for various reasons.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation was created for the express purpose of assisting students in obtaining college educations. It was created by an assessment of \$1.00 per year for nine years against each Sir Knight of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and our Division is part of the National Foundation.

There is a Resolution coming before the Grand Encampment 47th Triennial Session to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16 to August 22, this year, proposed by Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Jr., Grand Commander of California, to amend Section 104 of the laws of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America by striking therefrom the second and third sentences thereof and substituting the following therefor:

"It shall directly administer all funds, accounts, moneys, investments, securities, notes and other properties of the Foundation, whether now held in trust or otherwise, and any other assets of all Divisions of the Educational Foundation, and that all such properties be returned to the office of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation for such administration, all effective as of January 1, 1959; provided that such Educational Foundation shall have the authority to permit the retention by any such Division of any of its office equipment, but any such retention shall be made as an asset of such Foundation."

Naturally we will fight this move. We feel that the money in our Division was raised by the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and our Trustees should govern it.

No doubt, many of our Sir Knights feel that your Committee calls on you quite often to interview some applicant for a loan. We believe it is necessary to let our applicants know that some Sir Knights in their neighborhood are interested in their personal and financial status, and they are willing to help them in obtaining their loan.

There are some phrases of the "Sacred Trust" that are not known by the newer members of our Commanderies that are of special interest.

Loans are generally limited to juniors and seniors in college, but we have the right and privilege of aiding students who desire to take vocational or professional training or to be advanced to Graduate or Master's work in an accredited college or university. Funds are loaned to worthy students on notes guaranteed by adult persons with good credit ratings.

With a program such as ours, with our borrowers now disbursed, you will find a few defaulters. Several of our older loans, which were made years ago, are now in default. We are making an honest effort to locate these borrowers and endeavoring to collect or put them on a paying schedule.

This is your money! We are not squandering it, but we need everyone's cooperation to fulfill our obligation in seeing that needy students are served. Truly this Foundation is a "SACRED TRUST FUND" and we will endeavor to keep it such.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Secretary*

Committee:

CLARENCE R. DAVIS, *Chairman*

HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD

ROBERT E. POWELL

RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

ASSETS			
Cash in Bank and On Hand.....			\$ 15,051.38
Cash — In Massachusetts Savings Banks			
Salem Savings Bank	#65125	\$ 2,000.00	
South Boston Savings Bank	#190286	3,000.00	
Weymouth Savings Bank	#45345	5,078.53	
South Weymouth Savings Bank	#26550	5,814.00	
Home Savings Bank	#501659	10,000.00	25,892.53
U. S. Savings Bonds (At Cost).....			35,000.00
Notes Receivable			
Student Loans — Current.....		\$165,296.43	
Doubtful.....		3,572.47	168,868.90
Office Equipment.....			26.25
Inventory — Stationery.....			12.24
Total.....			<u>\$244,851.30</u>
LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL			
Withholding Tax Payable.....	\$	96.20	
F.I.C.A. Tax Payable.....		27.45	
Accrued Expense.....		300.00	
Due Grand Encampment Committee on Educational Foundation.....		373.55	\$ 797.20
Reserve for Unpaid Interest.....			379.39
Principal Account (Exhibit "C").....			243,674.71
Total.....			<u>\$244,851.30</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Year Ended December 31, 1957

INCOME

Services Charges Received.....	\$ 5,624.42	
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts.....	534.79	
Interest on Government Bonds.....	1,312.50	
Miscellaneous Income.....	170.51	
Total Income.....		\$ 7,642.22

EXPENSE

Salaries.....	\$ 4,122.00	
Rent.....	675.00	
Audit.....	315.00	
Trustees' Expense.....	54.00	
Telephone and Office Supplies.....	188.24	
General Expense.....	68.61	
Retail Credit Reports.....	252.65	
Depreciation.....	19.72	
Bonding and Insurance.....	190.34	
Postage.....	11.71	
Social Security Taxes.....	89.24	
Interest.....	112.00	
Collection Fees.....	145.32	
Total Expense.....		\$ 6,243.83
Grand Encampment Expense.....		\$ 1,398.39
Excess of Income for Year (Exhibit "C").....		373.55
		<u>\$ 1,024.84</u>

EXHIBIT "C"

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

For Year Ended December 31, 1957

January 1, 1957 Balance.....	\$243,379.91	
Add:		
Excess of Income for Year Ended December 31, 1957 (Exhibit "B").....	1,024.84	
		\$244,404.75
Deduct:		
Accounts written off by Authorization of Grand Encampment and by compromise settlement.....	730.04	
December 31, 1957 Balance.....		<u>\$243,674.71</u>

EXHIBIT "D"

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF STUDENTS' LOANS

For Year Ended December 31, 1957

January 1, 1957 Balance.....			\$161,556.06
Add:			
Loans made during year.....	\$ 49,604.50		
Service Charges for 1957.....	\$ 5,765.70		
(Less — Allowances).....	77.31	5,688.39	55,292.89
			\$216,848.95
Deduct:			
Cash Received.....	\$ 47,248.22		
Allowances — Principal.....	731.83	47,980.05	
December 31, 1957 Balance.....			<u>\$168,868.90</u>
	Consisting of		
	Balances of Loans (Principal)		\$168,489.51
	Unpaid Service Charges		379.39
			<u>\$168,868.90</u>

January 28, 1958

*Educational Committee, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, the books and records of the Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have been audited for the year ended December 31, 1957, and I submit in the appended exhibits the result of operations during the past year and the condition of the Fund as at December 31, 1957.

The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit "A" — Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1957

Exhibit "B" — Income and Expense Statement for Year Ended December 31, 1957

Exhibit "C" — Principal Account for Year Ended December 31, 1957

Exhibit "D" — Summary of Student Loans for Year Ended December 31, 1957

The following comments are made relative to the work done.

CASH

The cash in the checking account and in the various savings bank accounts has been confirmed by certificate from the depositaries. The various savings banks book were also examined and checked with the confirmations. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

All bonds were examined and verified at the safe deposit vault in the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

All interest due on these bonds and savings bank accounts has been received.

PRINCIPAL

During the year, this account has been adjusted by the addition of the excess income for the year, and the deduction of items written off by authorization of Grand Encampment, and by compromise settlements with borrowers.

GENERAL

The 1958 payment books were sent out by us for verification purposes with the usual request that in the event any discrepancies were noted the students should communicate directly with us. No complaints have been received.

Depreciation on office equipment has been provided for the past year. Accounting expense has been accrued at the year end. Balances are shown for liability for withholding and social security taxes. The liability to the Grand Encampment has also been set up.

Subject to the foregoing comments, I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the condition of the Educational Foundation Division as of December 31, 1957, and the result of operations for the year ended that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1957

To be filed before February 1, 1958

DIVISION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
 MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

OPERATIONS

1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1956, statement) \$ 7,055.14

RECEIPTS

2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans:
 (a) On Current Loans..... \$ 41,612.10
 (b) On Loans assigned to Trustees..... 41,612.10
 3. Interest received on Student Loans..... 5,623.72
 4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:
 (a) Received..... 1,847.29
 (b) Deferred..... 7,471.01
 5. Other Income:
 (a) Sale of Securities..... 25,000.00
 (b) Recoveries of Charge-offs..... 170.51
 (c) Transferred from Savings Accounts.....
 (d) Miscellaneous (specify).....
 Check Issued in Error reimbursed..... 10.00*
 6. Total Receipts..... 74,263.62
 7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6).... \$ 81,318.76

DISBURSEMENTS

8. Loans to Students (a) (Male, 78)
 (Amount \$36,676.50)..... \$ 36,676.50
 (b) (Female, 30)
 (Amount \$12,928.00)..... 12,928.00
 9. Scholarships (as authorized by G. E. Committee)....
 10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account.....
 11. Operating Costs (line 52)..... 6,279.11
 12. Other Disbursements:
 (a) Securities purchased.....
 (b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b))....
 (c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts..... 10,000.00
 (d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1956 Report..... 383.77
 (e) Miscellaneous (specify).....
 13. Total Disbursements..... \$ 66,267.38

CURRENT ASSETS

14. Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1957 (line 7 minus 13)..... \$ 15,051.38
 15. Funds Invested: Securities, Savings Accounts, Accrued Interest..... 60,892.53
 16. Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only—deducting Loans assigned to Trustees—see line 21). 168,489.51
 17. Funds in Knights Templar Scholarship Account....
 18. Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments....
 19. Other Assets:
 (a) Accrued Interest on Invested Funds (if not added to line 15).....
 (b) Furniture and Fixtures..... 26.25
 (c) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory—Stationery.... 12.24
 20. Total Current Assets..... \$244,471.91

DEFERRED ASSETS

21. Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees (Principal only).....

22. Total Resources (line 20 plus line 21)..... \$244,471.91

LIABILITIES

23. Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN WITH THIS STATEMENT, to the Committee \$ 373.55

24. Other Liabilities (see page 7).....

25. Total Liabilities (line 23 plus line 24)..... 373.55

NET WORTH

26. Net Worth (line 22 minus line 25)..... \$244,098.36

NOTE: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

OPERATING COSTS

51. Maximum available for Administration Expense 1957 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952) \$ 6,723.91

52. Expenses of Administration (as per detail, Page 7).. 6,279.11

53. Balance..... \$ 444.80

CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

ADDITIONS

	Assessments	Donations	Earned Income
54. Net Worth, December 31, 1956 (total equals line 26 of 1956 statement).....	\$243,764.13	\$ 903.97	\$ 824.90
55. Conserved Earnings 1957 (5% of lines 3 and 4)....			373.55
56. Remaining 5% Earnings, 1957, Expense of G. E. Committee.....			373.55
57. Unexpended Income (line 53 if black).....			444.80
58. Recovery of Loans charged-off.....			170.51
59. Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only).....			3.91
60. Profit on sales of Securities.....			
61. Additional Assessments.....			
62. Donations.....			
63. Miscellaneous (specify).....			
Check Issued in Error Reimbursed			10.00*
64. Gross Capital.....	\$243,764.13	\$ 903.97	\$ 551.42

DEDUCTIONS

65. Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee (same as page 3, line 90).....			727.89
66. Loss by Compromise Adjustment (same as page 3, line 91).....			
67. Loss on Sale of Securities.....			
68. Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures.....			19.72
69. Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red).....			
70. Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only).....			
71. Scholarships (page 1, line 9) (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See Intangible Asset, page 4) (list on page 4).....			
72. Scholarships from Scholarship Account (list on page 4).....			
73. The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1957.....			373.55

74. Miscellaneous (specify).....			
75. Total Deductions.....			\$ 1,121.16
76. Capital Account, December 31, 1957 (line 64 minus line 75).....	\$243,764.13	\$ 903.97	\$ 569.74
77. Capital Account, December 31, 1956 (line 54)	243,764.13	903.97	824.90
78. Decrease Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1957 (line 76 minus line 77)			\$ 255.16

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79. Earnings for 1956 (lines 3 and 4, page 1).....	\$ 7,471.01
80. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63).....	184.42
Total.....	\$ 7,655.43
81. Operating Costs (line 52) (same as Expense of Administration).....	6,279.11
82. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 74)	1,121.16
Total.....	\$ 7,400.27
83. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78).....	\$ 255.16
Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ \$1.00 each).....	\$218,889.00
Total Assessments collected to December 31, 1957 inclusive.....	\$243,764.13
Accrued Earned Income to December 31, 1956.....	\$ 824.90

DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNED INCOME

90. Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by The Committee on the Educational Foundation.

Names	Amount
Rhoda G. Robinson.....	\$ 168.15
Cynthia Valentine.....	559.74
Total.....	\$ 727.89

INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Accounts:	Bank	Location	Interest Rate	Amount
Salem Savings Bank		Salem, Mass.	3% plus 1/4 extra	\$ 2,000.00
South Boston Savings Bank		Boston, Mass.	3% plus 1/4 extra	3,000.00
Weymouth Savings Bank		Weymouth, Mass.	3% plus 1/2 extra	5,078.53
So. Weymouth Savings Bank		South Weymouth, Mass.	3% plus 1/2 extra	5,814.00
Home Savings Bank		Boston, Mass.	3% plus 1/4 extra	10,000.00
Total				\$ 25,892.53

Stocks & Bonds:	Name	Serial Number	Date Issued	Interest Rate	Par Value	Book Value
U. S. Savings Bonds		X680443G	Apr. '46	2 1/2	\$ 10,000.00	5,000.00
		V674014G	Apr. '46		5,000.00	5,000.00
		V785308G	Feb. '47		5,000.00	5,000.00
		V785309G	Feb. '47		5,000.00	5,000.00
		V785310G	Feb. '47		5,000.00	5,000.00
		V740902G	Feb. '47		5,000.00	5,000.00
Total					\$ 35,000.00	
Grand Total					\$ 60,892.53	
					(Same as Line 15)	

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Taxes)		Stationery, Supplies, Etc.....	30.10
Executive Officer.....	\$1,898.00	Furniture, Equipment and Re- pairs.....	.....
Treasurer.....	300.00	Water.....	54.37
Stenographer or Clerical....	1,924.00	Laundry.....	9.50
Attorney or Collection Fees....	145.32	(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on 1956 Report, Page 1, Line 23).....	
Rent.....	675.00	Check Issued in Error.....	10.00
Safe Deposit Box.....	9.90	Interest Expense.....	112.00
Fidelity Bonds.....	190.34	Retail Credit Reports.....	252.65
Social Security (Employer only) .	86.38	W. H. Tax.....	56.60
Audit.....	300.00	TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$6,279.11
Committee Meetings.....	54.00	(Same as line 52, page 2 and line 11, page 1)	
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees.....	.....		
Postage and Express.....	11.71		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	159.24		

FIDELITY BONDS

(AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE REGULATIONS & STANDARD PRACTICE)

Officer Bonded	Amount of Bond	Amount of Premium	Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation	Expiration Date
Exec. Secretary	\$ 2,500.00			
Asst. to Exec. Sec.	2,500.00	190.34	Foundation	11/6/60
Treasurer	12,500.00			
	3 year bond paid on annual basis			

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? Yes or (b) by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1957.

Signed GEORGE A. WEEKS
Secretary

Signed A. KENNETH MARTIN
Treasurer

ATTEST: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS AND PUBLICITY

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

Our Grand Commandery membership goal for the current year was again set for 1,000 petitions, affiliations and reinstatements.

As of April 30, 1958 we had received a total of 613 petitions. This total compares with 707, 616 and 610, respectively, in the years 1957, 1956 and 1955. Twelve commanderies had equaled or exceeded their quotas. Although in April the number of petitions reported was close to the quota for that month, the results so far this month indicate that we shall be far short of our quota for May. It appears now that we shall obtain only from 70% to 75% of our quota for the year.

Current business conditions undoubtedly have influenced the new membership results this year. The fact, however, that twelve commanderies have equaled or exceeded their quotas is evidence that other commanderies could have done so.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for space in the *Templar* which was used to urge membership activity and to keep commandery council officers and Grand Commandery line officers informed of membership progress.

Courteously submitted,

J. LEROY JONES, *Director*
Membership Progress and Publicity

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

Worcester, Mass., May 24, 1958

REPORT OF YORK RITE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

On September 13, 1957 we sent out a special letter to all Eminent Commanders pointing out (1) the advantage of planning a *York Rite Night*, in view of the marked success attained by such special effort in 1950 and (2) requesting the appointment of a Committee of one or more Sir Knights in each Commandery to assure *listing the names and addresses* of all new prospects from monthly notices of all Blue Lodges, Chapters, and Councils in each area, together with a further request that the name and address of the Sir Knight in each Commandery responsible for the monthly computing of such list be furnished R. G. Wilson, Jr.

Shortly thereafter we furnished each Commandery a detailed chart giving the names of Chapters in each jurisdiction.

The request for the name and address of the Sir Knight in each Commandery responsible for computing monthly prospect lists was complied with by only 23 of our 50 Commanderies viz. Com-

manderies 5, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 52.

Later there was forwarded to most, if not all, of the Massachusetts Commanderies, detailed lists of new eligible prospects from Blue Lodge and Chapter notices within the past three years. These lists were made available through the untiring efforts of Eminent Sir James C. Bayley.

Eleven meetings were held at which Right Eminent Sir R. G. Wilson, Jr. spoke in behalf of Templary, — usually in conjunction with representatives of the Chapter and Council:

Friday Nov. 1, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51 at Cranston, R. I.
Friday Nov. 15, Haverhill No. 14
Wednesday, Dec. 18, Winslow Lewis No. 18 at Salem
Tuesday Jan. 14, Connecticut Valley No. 23 at Greenfield
Friday Jan. 17, Bethany No. 17 at Lawrence
Thursday Jan. 30, Worcester County No. 5
Thursday March 20, Jerusalem No. 19 at Fitchburg
Friday April 4, Berkshire No. 22 at Pittsfield
Friday April 11, Reading No. 50
Wednesday April 16, Boston No. 2
Saturday April 26, Coeur de Lion No. 34 at Medford

The excellent meeting at Pittsfield was a regular meeting night of Pittsfield Lodge and arranged with the active cooperation of Grand Sword Bearer Beaudoin.

Also mentioned should be York Rite Ladies Night, Dance and Bridge Party sponsored by Milford Commandery No. 11 on Friday Jan. 31, and a Bean Supper for Masons and their families sponsored by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46 at Gardner on Saturday April 12.

Results from York Rite Nights are reported to be most gratifying, despite inclement weather in a number of cases. A number of Commanderies have shown most commendable candidate activity even without sponsorship of York Rite meetings. Granted that there has been some degree of general economic and business recession in some areas, it is rather significant to note that a most gratifying and marked activity has appeared in a considerable number of widely separated Commanderies. Any study of net results would seem to confirm the frequently repeated claim that the real success of any Commandery in any one year very largely rests on the shoulders of the Eminent Commander personally.

Courteously submitted,
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR., *Chairman*

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

May 24, 1958

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Inspections of all fifty Commanderies have been completed for the Templar year.

There have been twenty-three 10 minus marks earned. One less than last year. 10 of the 23 ten minus were between 974 and 970.

Reading won the high total of 995 points. Hugh de Payens and Holy Sepulchre tied for second place with 993 points.

Fifteen Commanderies earned a mark of 9+; 10 a mark of 9 and 2 a mark of 9—.

Ten Commanderies failed to get their attendance, losing 7 to 20 points.

There were five Exemplifications held throughout the jurisdiction with 40 Commanderies being present and taking part.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. BROWN
Inspector Instructor

(Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

REPORT ON EXEMPLIFICATIONS

To the Grand Commander and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

We held five Exemplifications:

- 1 — Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23 on October 25, 1957
- 2 — St. John's Commandery No. 1, on November 9, 1957
- 3 — Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, on January 4, 1958
- 4 — Bristol Commandery No. 29, on January 25, 1958
- 5 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, on February 15, 1958

All of these Exemplifications were well attended and in most cases we had better than one hundred Sir Knights present.

The work was under the supervision of our Inspector Instructor, Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown, and he personally did a fine and outstanding job. There were many questions asked and many problems solved.

I believe that these Exemplifications did a lot of good. Everyone seemed enthusiastic about them, and we tried to hold them before the Commanderies had their Inspections in order to help the Commanderies obtain more uniformity in their work at their Inspections.

I believe that these Exemplifications should be continued as they are a very worthwhile project.

Courteously submitted,
CLARENCE E. BOOTH

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.)

Worcester, Mass., May 24, 1958

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Complying with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adopted October 15, 1947, your Grand Commander presents the following request to the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee:

Whereas on October 12, 1957, the Finance Committee submitted in the Budget for the year ending August 31, 1958, an item of \$1,275.00 for the Printing of the 1957 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, but due to the printing of additional pages, it has become necessary to request a supplementary appropriation of \$131.00 to cover the following additional cost: —

13 additional pages of new material	
@ \$12.00 per page	156.00
Price quoted	\$1,250.00
Total cost	\$1,406.00
Budget figure	1,275.00
Balance due on Proceedings	\$ 131.00

Under Grand Commandery Regulations, "that in cases of emergencies or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and a majority of the Finance Committee, may issue on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year, ten percentum (10%) of the total of that Fiscal Year's Budget."

As this year's Budget is \$18,176.00, I respectfully request a supplementary appropriation of \$131.00 to cover the additional cost of printing the 1957 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE
Grand Commander
Approved: ALFRED C. BLAKE, DGC
Finance Committee:
LEON L. ALLEN, Chairman
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

The following appropriations require the approval of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and two Members of the Finance Committee:

The Grand Lodge has requested Grand Commandery to vacate their headquarters on the second floor of the Masonic Temple and move to the fourth floor. This move will necessitate some additional expenses.

We will need — a new counter and file (costing approximately \$200.00), cleaning and refinishing the desks and furniture, the bookcases will have to be cut down to fit their new location, and the window drapes will have to be replaced as the windows on the fourth floor are a different size.

As the above expenses are not budget items, but are a capital expenditure, and this expense can only be estimated at this time, I respectfully request an appropriation of \$500.00 to be used for this purpose — any unexpended balance will revert to the General Fund. However, if the expenditures exceed the appropriation requested, it will be necessary to ask for an additional appropriation to cover the cost of moving.

Courteously yours,
A. KENNETH MARTIN
Grand Treasurer
DWIGHT C. PAGE, Grand Commander
ALFRED C. BLAKE, Deputy Grand Commander
Finance Committee:
LEON L. ALLEN, Chairman
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the proceedings.)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was moved and so voted: that the Supplementary Budget of \$131.00, as submitted by the Finance Committee, covering the additional cost of printing the 1957 Proceedings be paid from the General Fund (voted unanimously).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was moved and so voted: that the additional Supplementary budget, as submitted by the Finance Committee, covering the cost of moving Grand Commandery Office, be taken from the Income of the Grand Fund and transferred to the General Fund. (Voted unanimously)

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Grand Commander:

The Triennial starts with a reception on August 16 and carried through to August 22nd, a total of seven days in Indianapolis.

The trip on the Lakes following has been brought to your attention before and will not be covered again at this time other than to say that we have endeavored to provide for the Sir Knights to enjoy Indianapolis and also a vacation of a few days afterwards at a very reasonable figure. Incidentally, inasmuch as some questions have arisen as to how the supplemental trip might be tied in with plans of Sir Knights going by plane, train, or car, or otherwise out there, I have asked the head of the Four Seasons Travel Service, who is handling these reservations for us, to be present out at the Past Commanders Association this afternoon. If any of you have any questions to ask on how your plans tie in he will be there to answer them and work out any special arrangements you may need.

Also I talked with the Grand Commander of the State of New York at one of our out-of-state conclaves and he told me he had planned a special trip from New York, and that he thought he would have space for any of our Sir Knights who would want to join with the New York Group in getting to the Triennial Parade and back. If any of you are interested, I will be glad to give you the address of the Grand Commander in order that you may make your own reservations.

You might bear in mind that our own R.:E.:Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., is the Marshal of the First Division. I understand that he will have as aides our Grand Senior Warden, Em. Sir Raymond Hall; our Grand Captain of the Guard, Em. Sir Gilbert Machon; Em. Sir George E. Cheek and Em. Sir George Patton, Jr.

We have not yet received the full agenda of the program of the Triennial Conclave, but we do know that there are important matters for our delegates to the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave that must come up for action, and we do want our full

complement of voting delegates at Indianapolis for this Triennial Conclave.

In former years, we had an adequate Reserve Fund to be used for Triennial expenses as it does cost money to get our delegates out there and back. This year we have only the small and limited amount that has been included in the Budget, of the past three years, plus a small surplus left from former Triennials. The net result is that we must come to you and ask for additional funds this year to meet our expenses.

We have reviewed our requirements with the Trustees of the Grand Fund, and we feel that we will need in addition to the Funds now available in the Triennial Fund, the sum of \$3,300.00 to meet expenses which will be incurred to attend the Triennial at Indianapolis.

There will be available through the Income of the Grand Fund an amount which will cover our request.

I will now entertain a motion at this time "that the sum of \$3,300.00 be taken from the Income of the Grand Fund to meet the necessary expenses of the Triennial for our voting delegates."

(Motion regularly made and seconded to receive the Report of the Triennial Committee and adopt the recommendation — voted unanimously.)

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I have a motion to put on record. I move:

That a vote of thanks be extended to R.:E.:Sir John E. Rines for the beautiful colored framed picture of the Altar and Sanctuary and four stained glassed windows which are located in the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. (Voted unanimously.)
THE GRAND COMMANDER: Is there any other business to come before this Grand Commandery?

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: There is nothing on my desk.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! E.:Grand Prelate, lead our Devotions.

REV. AND E.:SIR OTIS L. MASON: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you peace now and forever more. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare this 152nd Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS

"ALL MASONIC NIGHT"
BOSTON GARDEN, JUNE 7, 1958

The All Masonic Night sponsored by Aleppo Temple needs no comment of mine to extoll the magnificent display of Masonic solidarity, strength and stature, at Boston Garden, June 7th. It has spoken for itself far more effectively in the recollections and comment of those privileged to attend that largest of all Masonic gatherings ever held in these United States.

Templary at its finest was on display with 30 Grand Officers, the Officers, Colors, Banners and 779 uniformed Sir Knights of 33 Commanderies present; and more than 1,000 Sir Knights were reported to have actively participated in the excellent program presented to an audience of over 16,000 which filled the Garden to overflowing. Few experiences can surpass the pride of Order, organization and of membership one feels on such an occasion.

We are all greatly indebted to Aleppo Temple for the opportunity to again so effectively present the Banners and Knights of this Great Christian Order; and to our own R.:E.: Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., for his admirable planning and handling of the entire program. I want to express my further personal thanks and appreciation to the Grand Officers and to the Commanderies whose support and acceptance of my invitation to act as my escort made this colorful and impressive display of Templary possible.

DWIGHT C. PAGE,
Grand Commander

SIR KT. DWIGHT C. PAGE RT. ENI. GRAND COMMANDER PASSING THROUGH LINES IN BOSTON GARDEN
ON ALL-MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 7, 1958





779 SIR KNIGHTS OF 33 COMMANDERIES STAND AT ATTENTION IN BOSTON GARDEN
ON ALL-MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 7, 1958

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND
RHODE ISLAND
AT THE
155TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 11, 1958

The One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Full Form at 9:50 A.M., Saturday, October 11, 1958 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Dwight C. Page, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided. Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight and Reverend Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

SIR KT. DWIGHT C. PAGE	<i>R.E. Grand Commander</i>
SIR KT. ALFRED C. BLAKE	<i>V.E. Deputy Grand Commander</i>
SIR KT. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY	<i>E. Grand Generalissimo</i>
SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH	<i>E. Grand Captain General</i>
SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS	<i>E. Grand Junior Warden</i>
SIR KT. FRANK B. CRANDALL	<i>E. Grand Prelate</i>
SIR KT. OTIS L. MASON	<i>E. Associate Grand Prelate</i>
SIR KT. W. IRVING MONROE	<i>E. Associate Grand Prelate</i>
SIR KT. A. KENNETH MARTIN	<i>R.E. Grand Treasurer</i>
SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS	<i>R.E. Grand Recorder</i>
SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST	<i>E. Grand Standard Bearer</i>
SIR KT. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN	<i>E. Grand Sword Bearer</i>
SIR KT. JOHN F. MITCHELL	<i>E. Grand Warder</i>
SIR KT. GILBERT G. MACHON	<i>E. Grand Captain of the Guard</i>
SIR KT. CLARENCE R. DAVIS	<i>E. Grand Sentinel</i>
SIR KT. RUSSELL R. LONG	<i>E. Division Commander</i>
SIR KT. G. BURTON LONG	<i>E. Division Commander</i>
SIR KT. THOMAS W. BROWN	<i>E. Inspector Instructor</i>

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R.:E.:SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE	R.:E.:ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R.:E.:SIR JOHN E. RINES	R.:E.:SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R.:E.:SIR FRANK H. WILSON	R.:E.:SIR HARRIE M. TAFT
R.:E.:SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER	R.:E.:SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS	R.:E.:SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R.:E.:SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN	R.:E.:SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT

- R. E. SIR GEORGE BARCLAY, Past Grand Commander and personal representative of R. E. Sir Avery L. Bullen, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York — Introduced by R. E. Sir FRANK H. WILSON.
- R. E. SIR JOHN L. GIBBS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Virginia — Introduced by EM. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS.
- R. E. SIR FRANCIS P. WOODCOCK, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Vermont and V. E. SIR GEORGE CUMMINGS, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Vermont — Introduced by R. E. Sir A. KENNETH MARTIN.
- R. E. SIR RALPH C. LOCKE, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire and R. E. Sir HENRY T. SPEARE, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire — Introduced by R. E. Sir JOHN E. RINES.
- R. E. SIR FRED R. HUMPHREY, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut — Introduced by EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU.
- R. E. SIR ALBERT W. HOFFSES, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Maine — Introduced by R. E. Sir HARRIE M. TAFT.
- R. E. SIR FREDERICK H. STIGALE, JR., Past Grand Commander and personal representative of R. E. Sir Malcolm F. Van Dien, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Jersey — Introduced by R. E. Sir ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
- R. E. SIR ETREBIL A. SCHAUB, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of State of Maryland and EM. SIR WILLIAM W. WERKING, Commander of Monumental Commandery No. 3, Baltimore, Maryland — Introduced by R. E. Sir MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER.
- R. E. SIR LLOYD C. MILLER, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the District of Columbia — Introduced by R. E. Sir HAROLD S. CROCKER.
- ILL. HERBERT N. FAULKNER 33° Active, representing Ill. Claude L. Allen 33° Deputy for Massachusetts for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U.S.A., and EM. SIR DONALD W. VOSE, Commander-in-chief of Massachusetts Consistory — Introduced by R. E. Sir GEORGE A. WEEKS.
- MOST ILL. FRANK H. WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and MOST ILL. RAYMOND E. CROWELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island — Introduced by R. E. Sir KENNETH H. EARLE.
- MOST. EX. EUGENE P. CARVER, JR., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts and MOST EX. CHARLES DAVIES, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island — Introduced by R. E. Sir THOMAS A. BOOTH.
- EM. SIR FREDERIC DUNCAN, Chief Rabban of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and personal representative of Ill. Edgar L. Turner, Potentate of Aleppo Temple — Introduced by EM. SIR N. RUSSELL LYNN.
- R. E. SIR HOWARD T. JOSLYN, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment K.T. of the U.S.A., North Eastern Division, and personal representative of Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A. — Introduced by R. E. Sir FREDERIC KENNEDY.

MOST WOR. ANDREW GRAY JENKINS, The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts — Introduced by R. E. Sir HAROLD W. SPRAGUE.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated. Sir Knight, Grand Captain of the Guard, dismiss the Escort.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time, I will ask the R. E. Grand Recorder to call the Roll of Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	EM. SIR WILLIAM TURNER
Arizona	R. E. SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
Arkansas	EM. SIR CHARLES W. GURDY
California	R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BURLEIGH
Colorado	EM. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL
Connecticut	EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU
District of Columbia	R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
Florida	R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
Georgia	EM. SIR JAMES R. HOOPER
Illinois	EM. SIR ARTHUR E. ERICKSON
Indiana	EM. SIR FRANK B. ELLS
Iowa	EM. SIR PRESCOTT W. EATON
Kansas	EM. SIR RICHARD E. GOFF
Kentucky	EM. SIR HAROLD L. BURR
Louisiana	EM. SIR WILLIAM S. COOPER
Maryland	R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
Michigan	EM. SIR WILLIAM F. CLARK
Minnesota	R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
Mississippi	EM. SIR ERFORD W. POOLE
Montana	V. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
Nebraska	EM. SIR JOHN F. MITCHELL
Nevada	EM. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
New Hampshire	R. E. SIR JOHN E. RINES
New Jersey	R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
New Mexico	EM. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
New York	R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
North Dakota	EM. SIR WILLIAM H. EVANS
Ohio	R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Oregon	EM. SIR GEORGE RINGCHRIST
Pennsylvania	R. E. SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
South Carolina	EM. SIR N. RUSSELL LYNN
South Dakota	EM. SIR CLAYTON F. FISHER
Tennessee	EM. SIR EIGNAR RINGQUIST
Utah	EM. SIR JOHN J. MICK
Virginia	EM. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Washington	R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
West Virginia	R. E. SIR HARRIE M. TAFT

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, thank you very much for being present here today and answering the Roll Call as Grand Representatives of your respective Grand Jurisdictions near Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Yours is an honor which also involves some duties. I hope and I am sure that you will convey the greetings of this Grand Commandery and our best wishes to those Grand Commanderies and Grand Jurisdictions which you represent. Thank you very much.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Greetings, Sir Knights:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to this, the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

As we assemble once more for the business of the Grand Commandery, and to strengthen old and form new friendships, let us endeavor to make this a meeting for the advancement of Templary. Let us stress the slogan of a "Revitalized and Greater Templary," and seek the guidance of our Supreme Commander; put our trust in Him; and ask His help in the security and maintenance of Peace, Freedom, and Understanding, among all men of all Nations; and in the strengthening of this great Order of Christian Knighthood dedicated to the teaching and practice of those great principles for human conduct exemplified by the life of His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

May I express to you my heartfelt gratitude for the great honor you conferred upon me when one year ago you elected and installed me as your Grand Commander; the highest gift within your power to bestow. To be deemed worthy of such an honor is a distinction which comes to few men, and carries with it an obligation and a challenge worthy of one's best and undivided effort. I shall always cherish the memories of this year of Christian service.

To our distinguished guests: you are thrice welcomed. Your presence here adds that priceless ingredient of highly prized friendship which we so deeply appreciate. I sincerely hope your stay with us will be enjoyable to you, as it is to us to have you. May the bonds of friendship ever grow brighter and stronger.

The time is at hand for me to submit to you an accounting of my stewardship. It seems but a few short weeks since I humbly assumed the responsibilities of this high office. My hopes were many; my aspirations were to give you the very best of administrations. I have endeavored to build and strengthen Templary in this Grand Jurisdiction both in stature and in numbers, and to do my duty regardless of the direction in which that duty might lie, and to serve faithfully in upholding the Constitutions and Regulations of this Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment, with justice to all Commanderies and to all Sir Knights.

Many of my objectives have been attained. In others, I realize as the year comes to a close, how inadequate my efforts have been and how much remains to be accomplished. I have endeavored to extend friendship, good will, and a helping hand to each and every one, yet be firm in holding to all requirements of our Constitutions. I welcomed and was proud to accept the emblem of authority. Whether this authority has been wisely and satisfactorily used you must now judge.

There are vacancies in our ranks and many have answered the Final Roll Call. We all appreciate the many years of service that these Sir Knights gave so willingly to Templary.

It is with deep regret that I must record the passing of Sir Knight Benjamin F. Downing, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, on Saturday, May 24th, 1958. Sir Knight Downing served as Commander of Washington Commandery No. 4 of Newport, Rhode Island, and as Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery in 1931-32. And also Sir Knight William W. Armour, Eminent Grand Warder, on April 14, 1958.

At this time we will suspend and listen to the report of the Committee on Necrology.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

BOSTON, MASS., OCTOBER 11, 1958

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year ending October 12th 1957 to October 11th 1958.

Recorded is the departure of 396 Sir Knights and 39 Past Commanders of this Grand Commandery. Recorded also is the departure of 36 Past Grand Commanders and 4 Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Our brother Knights, whose departure we mourn, have followed in the train of pilgrims of old and have reached the goal of all pilgrim Knights. They have fought the good fight and kept the faith as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, devoted to God and the Right. They have made their knightly profession and confession as pilgrim penitents. In devout remembrance of great leaders and revered servants of God and mankind they have partaken of the sacred Cup of Blessing.

In this sacred action, they have testified to their belief in the mortality of the body and their faith in the immortality of the soul, that death is only the darkness that divides today from tomorrow, and is the Green Gate that leads to the realm of the life of the world to come.

We, their Fraters, hold these beloved Sir Knights in fond remembrance, grateful for their lives and service. In confidence we commend their souls to God, whose children they were. May God rest their souls in peace. May the sun of the Everlasting Morning greet them in newness of life. May the Light Perpetual be a light upon their path as they progress onward and upward unto Perfection.

In the faith that God's will shall be done, we do this in remembrance of our Blessed Emanuel, as we look forward to the time when, with Him and them, we shall partake of the Eternal Eucharist in the Kingdom of God. In Faith, Hope, and Charity we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross in which we shall conquer.

Courteously submitted,

E.: and REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*

E.: and REV. OTIS L. MASON

E.: and REV. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

<i>Commandery</i>	<i>Past Commanders</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Washington No. 4	Benjamin F. Downing	May 23, 1958
Worcester County No. 5	William W. Armour	April 14, 1958
	John Earl Eaton	April 14, 1958
Springfield No. 6	John William Bennett	Sept. 9, 1957
	William Joseph Spence	June 7, 1958
DeMolay No. 7	Almond B. Cilley	Mar. 25, 1958
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Norman M. Swindells	June 1, 1958
Pilgrim No. 9	Arthur Bartlett	Mar. 24, 1958
	Harry Delmore Hall	Aug. 13, 1957
	Ernest D. Scribner	July 6, 1957
St. Bernard No. 12	Bert Ellsworth Holland	Mar. 31, 1958
Old Colony No. 15	Walter M. MacKenzie	Sept. 12, 1957
Bethany No. 17	William C. Gens	Feb. 22, 1958
	William E. Redfern	Sept. 4, 1957
Winslow Lewis No. 18	Clarence A. Swett	April 23, 1958
Hugh de Payens No. 20	Frank S. Whitney	Aug. 21, 1958
St. Omer No. 21	Robert Chesley Foster	Oct. 30, 1957
	Herbert Franklin Sawyer	April 15, 1958
Berkshire No. 22	LaForest C. Smith	Oct. 5, 1957
Woonsocket No. 24	Frederick W. Hilton	Aug. 7, 1957
	Alfred Hincheliffe	Jan. 20, 1958
Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25	Herbert S. Weedon	Feb. 10, 1958
Joseph Warren No. 26	George A. Brackett	May 29, 1958
	Edwin Howard Oliver	Oct. 11, 1957
Bristol No. 29	Chester C. Gilbert	July 30, 1958
South Shore No. 31	John Frederick Price	Jan. 31, 1957
Trinity No. 32	Winfield Temple	Aug. 13, 1957
Olivet No. 36	Frank Dexter Bradley	Sept. 14, 1957
Athol No. 37	William J. McKay	Feb. 15, 1958
Bay State No. 38	Bernard Stowe Sabean	Sept. 15, 1957
Cyprus No. 39	Norman D. Budge	May 13, 1958
St. Paul No. 40	David Thomas Williams	Oct. 13, 1957
	Richard Arthur Stevens	Oct. 21, 1957
Cambridge No. 42	Herwald Dowden	Nov. 17, 1957
	Herman F. Hawthorne	June 12, 1958
	George W. Long	Dec. 17, 1957
	Sargent S. Stearns	Mar. 17, 1957
Orange No. 45	Charles Leopold Gray	Nov. 26, 1957
Quincy No. 47	Herbert Y. Follett	Nov. 13, 1957

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Arkansas	R.:E.:SIR WALTER HENDERSON ESTES	May 12, 1958
DISTRICT OF	R.:E.:SIR CHARLES E. BALDWIN	July 27, 1958
Columbia	R.:E.:SIR JAMES RICHARD STRINGFELLOW	Jan. 27, 1958
Florida	R.:E.:SIR RILEY JAMES McMASTER	Jan. 15, 1957
Idaho	R.:E.:SIR ROBERT A. PARROTT	Nov. 15, 1957
Illinois	R.:E.:SIR HARRY WALTER HANSON	Oct. 26, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR EDWIN DANIEL WADE	Jan. 25, 1958
Iowa	R.:E.:SIR CARL A. BLAKE	Jan. 23, 1958
	R.:E.:SIR FREDERICK FISCHER	Mar. 21, 1958
	R.:E.:SIR ROBERT B. GRAPENGETER	July 16, 1958
Kansas	R.:E.:SIR ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY	Sept. 16, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR DWIGHT M. NUMBERS	Sept. 25, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR THEODORE P. PERRY	June 15, 1958
Kentucky	R.:E.:SIR ALGERNON SIDNEY YEWELL	May 9, 1958
Louisiana	R.:E.:SIR HARRY SLATER WESTON, SR.	Mar. 28, 1958
Maine	R.:E.:SIR HAROLD VINCENT BICKMORE	Sept. 9, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR IRVING RAY LIBBY	Oct. 29, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR CHARLES WILLARD VIGUE	Dec. 4, 1957
Michigan	R.:E.:SIR ALBERT BRUCKNER LOWRIE	Nov. 9, 1957
Minnesota	R.:E.:SIR CHARLES JACOB JORDAN	May 23, 1958
Mississippi	R.:E.:SIR WILLIAM CLAUDE WILLIAMS	Mar. 12, 1958
Nebraska	R.:E.:SIR JOHN G. MORRIS	April 3, 1958
Nevada	R.:E.:SIR HUGH M. WILSON	April 8, 1958
New Jersey	R.:E.:SIR EDWARD MAYR	June 13, 1958
New Hampshire	R.:E.:SIR HARRY HANSON MEADER	Dec. 5, 1957
North Dakota	R.:E.:SIR PAUL B. GRIFFITH	Dec. 21, 1957
Ohio	R.:E.:SIR JOHN WALLACE CHERRY	Oct. 31, 1957
Pennsylvania	R.:E.:SIR GEORGE HAY KAIN	Feb. 2, 1958
South Dakota	R.:E.:SIR HENRY A. PERRITON	June 7, 1958
Texas	R.:E.:SIR J. MARVIN PUGH	Dec. 10, 1957
Vermont	R.:E.:SIR ALFRED E. BISHOP	Oct. 19, 1957
	R.:E.:SIR THOMAS C. CHENEY	Oct. 13, 1957
Virginia	R.:E.:SIR CHARLES THOMAS MORTON	Sept. 14, 1957
Washington	R.:E.:SIR FRED MARINER BOND	July 14, 1958
Wyoming	R.:E.:SIR FENIMORE CHATTERTON	May 8, 1958
	R.:E.:SIR EDWARD J. TREGLOWN	April 29, 1958

DECEASED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Louisiana	SIR KT. FREEMAN ANDREW BALLARD, SR. <i>Grand Junior Warden</i>	Nov. 15, 1957
South Dakota	SIR KT. HOWARD A. SHOEMAKER <i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>	Dec. 26, 1957
Tennessee	SIR KT. LUCIEN CAMPBELL CONNELL <i>Grand Prelate</i>	April 8, 1958
Wisconsin	SIR KT. WARD A. ROWBOTTOM <i>Grand Recorder</i>	Dec. 10, 1957

SEMI ANNUAL

Our Semi-Annual Conclave was held in Worcester, Mass., Saturday, May 26, 1958 with 123 Sir Knights present representing 35 Commanderies. We are indebted to Worcester County Commandery No. 5, Sir Knight Clayton F. Fisher, Commander, for the use of the Temple on this occasion without charge to this

Grand Commandery; and to him and the Past Commanders' Association in arranging for the luncheon and enjoyable afternoon which followed at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. A report of the Conclave and actions taken will, of course, be printed in the proceedings for the year.

THE TEMPLAR

The Templar, sent to all Commanders, Generalissimos, Cp. Generals, Recorders, Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders, has again this year served as an excellent publicity medium. It provides your Grand Commander with an opportunity to post you on special plans, projects, or events; brings to you news items and messages of interest; and as augmented by the Membership Committee Statistical Sheet and comment of Sir Knight J. Leroy Jones, Director of Membership Progress and Publicity, keeps all informed of progress toward our membership goals from month to month: Many favorable comments have resulted from the arrangement of Commanderies on the Statistical Sheet in order of percentage of quota attainment, a new plan adopted in midyear, to better enable our Commanderies to note and compare the result of their efforts with others. I recommend it's continuance.

Although increased costs of printing and postage must be borne in mind, I believe the coverage provided by *The Templar* could well be somewhat further expanded to the benefit of all; particularly in reporting illnesses or other particularly noteworthy personal items pertaining to our members which are reasonably certain to be of general interest. We are a fraternal organization; important news of our Sir Knights should be, and I am sure always will be, of interest to us all.

It is my hope that *The Templar* will be continued and expanded in the coming year.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

It will interest you to know that this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island now stands third highest nationally in loans made to students in this last fiscal year. Nationally a total of \$733,499.21 was loaned to 1,630 students; New York taking first place with loans of \$74,165. to 167 students; Texas second with loans of \$58,924. to 157 students; and Massachusetts and Rhode Island third with loans of \$49,604.50 to 108 students.

I strongly urge that we aggressively continue our efforts to even more fully utilize the funds available to us for the benefit of the young people of the coming generation in whose hands the destiny of our Country will some day rest, to the end that we may do our full part in better preparing them for their responsibilities through the medium of this great foundation whose current assets now total over \$5,000,000. The full report of our Educational Committee was made at the Semi-Annual Conclave, and will be printed in the Proceedings.

INSPECTIONS AND MARKING

Instructions to Inspecting Officers, the study and revision of points allocated to work of individual Officers, etc. at inspections, reduction of the marking staff, and the adoption of a new marking report form were all covered in my Semi-Annual Report.

The Inspection schedule was so arranged that there were no conflicting inspection dates and all Inspections were held on the dates assigned. All were completed prior to the Semi-Annual Conclave in May.

Although greatly to be desired to insure proficiency in the Order of the Temple, no Commandery was required to put on the complete Order. It is noted, however, that Bay State No. 38 presented the complete Order at their Inspection.

Attendance at Inspections dropped somewhat this year from a total of 7,041 present at 1957 Inspections to 6,469 present this year; 4,289 members (28½% of total membership) were present at their own Commandery Inspections.

Ten Commanderies failed to make the required count. Our larger Commanderies suffered most from poor attendance and 7 of the 10 with 400 or more members suffered losses ranging from 8 to 20 points, obviously serious in effect on the over-all mark although the weighting of the count in the over-all mark was reduced from 7½ to 7% this year.

The determination of the number required for the count has been a matter of some concern to me in view of reports to the effect that deductions for the absence of Sir Knights on pleasure trips, for those over certain ages, and for other reasons, have been permitted in some cases in addition to the common practice of deducting for those ill and physically incapacitated.

Reports of such deductions came to me as to many others as a complete surprise. I have issued no Order or otherwise authorized such deductions, nor to the best of my knowledge have my predecessors in line so far as the record has disclosed.

Furthermore, with attendance at Inspections dropping, and 20% of our Commanderies failing to make their count, any material variance in the basis used for determining the count might well affect the over-all Inspection Mark of a Commandery.

The Grand Recorder was requested to advise me of any rulings or Orders of record bearing on the determination of the Count. His search which extended back to 1918 indicated that as of that date 50% of the entire membership of a Commandery was required to be present *in uniform* to obtain full credit for the count which at that time constituted 20% of the total Inspection Mark. Later in 1923, the weighting of the count was reduced to 10%

but attendance of 50% of the entire membership in uniform was still required. In 1935 the uniform requirement was dropped. No record was found of when or who established the requirement calling for 50% of the membership residing within a 40-mile limit, and it would seem that in recent years the determination of the count has been largely at the will and pleasure of the Recorders and Division Commanders.

Let me say right here that in the absence of Orders or Rulings I do not feel that Recorders or Division Commanders should be held responsible for the present situation. It is a matter which in my opinion affects the best interests of all Commanderies and as such is not properly the responsibility of any individual Recorder or Division Commander.

Substantial variances in the percentage of members within the 40-mile limit are noted in the Inspection Reports this year, and I have shaken hands with too many Sir Knights at Inspections 80-85 and 90 years of age or more who have told me they have not missed an Inspection for years to believe that age alone should be a factor in the determination of the count.

It seems to me that it is the duty of every Sir Knight to be present for the Count if possible within reason. One night, or one hour of one night, in an entire year is not too much to ask of any Sir Knight to personally evidence his support of the Order, his Commandery, and its Officers.

In order that full consideration be given all aspects of the situation the matter was referred to the Inspection and Tactics Committee for their recommendations. Their Report will follow later in this Conclave. I am in full accord with their conclusions, feel that prompt action is necessary, and recommend the adoption of the Committee's recommendations for the best interests of all our Commanderies.

In the interest of continuity the Work required at Inspections and the point marking system of the past year was retained. Certain penalties were established for the use of non-members at Inspections, and for the absence of required Officers and Guards. The basis for the year follows.

<i>Required Work and Points</i>		<i>Marking Basis</i>	
Full Form Opening	215	970 to 1000 Points —	10 minus
Reception of Inspecting Officer	80	940 to 970 Points —	9 plus
Required Count	70	900 to 940 Points —	9
Inspection and Review	220	870 to 900 Points —	9 minus
Fifth Libation	245	840 to 870 Points —	8 plus
Knighting and Attributes	95	800 to 840 Points —	8
Flags	75	All below 800 Points —	8 minus
Total Points	1000		

The Inspection Mark, to be recognized and respected as truly representative of the relative performance of each Commandery, must necessarily be based on uniform known standards and impartially judged by fully qualified observers.

It is my firm belief, as a result of some 12 years of observation and experience, that Inspection Marking is a highly specialized and important function comparable in some respects to the inspection of high quality products of any nature, to the tolerances, finish, and operational characteristics required, and as such requires that those chosen for such responsibilities be specially trained, highly skilled and experienced, and if possible especially suited both by inclination and temperament, to such important and essential duties.

To my mind a small and select staff of marking officers meeting these requirements best serves our objectives leaving the Division Commanders free to spend more time working with and assisting Commanders in every way possible to build Templary in their respective jurisdictions during their year in office, as well as presiding at their Inspections and adding luster to special events of the year along such lines as may be desired by the Commanders of the several Commanderies committed to their special care and attention.

These thoughts are offered purely and simply as a matter of record and governed my decision to continue the use of Marking Officers this year. I believe the result has been more uniform and satisfactory marking as a whole. The changes from and to Marking Officers over the years well evidences the divided opinions prevalent. The practice to be followed each year rests entirely with the Presiding Grand Commander whose decision should have your complete cooperation and support. I am sure that whatever that decision may be, it will be due to a sincere belief that it is for the best interests of this Grand Commandery.

ATTAINMENT MARKING

The establishment of a basis for judging over-all performance presents many problems; not only in the selection of activities to be included in ratings but in the weight given each in relationship to all others individually and combined. It is only to be expected that there will be many areas of difference of opinion in almost any specific plan.

I have given the subject much thought, perhaps more than I should have bearing other things in mind, but I feel strongly that a rating based on what is done just one night in a year (attendance, and a less than complete exemplification of only one of the three Orders of the Commandery), is a far from satisfactory basis on which to judge the ability and effort of a Commandery to build Templary.

It may very conclusively be argued that no man or organization can ever realize his or its full potentialities for accomplishment in all directions of opportunity. Based on this thinking, to realize 70 to 80 percent of one's potentials in a given year, or a lifetime for that matter, could well be considered far above normal accomplishment. The problem in establishing a rating based on this principle comes in determining an ultimate or maximum potential, and properly relating it to normal or essential needs.

From another and perhaps more practical point of view, it can equally well be argued that certain accomplishments are essential to the growth and well being of any individual or organization, and that the attainment of those essential objectives should provide the base used for measurement of attainment to the extent considered essential or desired.

Following this line of thinking, it is obvious that a Commandery which has excelled in all departments of its work and activities, or whose accomplishments in important directions have been outstanding, might well obtain and would well deserve a mark or rating higher than the base used to indicate fulfillment of specified objectives. It seems only right and proper that outstanding accomplishment deserves outstanding recognition, and the rating schedule used this year is based upon this principle.

Inspections, as evidence of proficiency in the work, have been given a weighting of 40% in the total mark for desired attainment.

Growth, measured in terms of petitions, admissions, suspensions and demits, and net gain in membership, has been given a total weight of 35%.

Activities, those considered essential to expand and maintain the spirit, interests, and such objectives of our Order, has been given a total weight of 25%.

A schedule of bonus points has been established to provide recognition of exceptional accomplishment over and above desired objectives; and a schedule of deductions provided for less than desired accomplishment toward objectives pertaining to that most essential one of growth.

Net membership gains credits are based on a desired net increase of 2% per year. The word "admissions" where used includes Knightings, affiliations and re-instatements. "Accredited admissions" are those for which a Commander or Commandery deserves *full* credit within the current year and cannot exceed the total number of petitions received within the current year. Obviously admissions over and above the number of petitions result from "carry-overs" and the effort of a preceding year; *limited* credit is reflected however in credits for net gains in membership.

A reduction of 20% from the average of the three preceding years

is considered a reasonable objective for reduction of suspensions and demits this year. It is recognized that to some extent suspensions and demits are beyond our control due to action of pre-requisite bodies; also that no good purpose is served by carrying definitely disinterested delinquent members on our rolls.

A mark in the vicinity of 1000 indicates that in their performance as a whole throughout the year, a Commandery has in my opinion attained objectives which should insure its growth and well being.

A mark of over 1000 indicates exceptional effort and progress in building Templary, and in making the most of opportunities which can always be found by those who seek them.

The following schedule for attainment ratings this year has been determined upon, only after long and thorough study and consideration. I make no claim of perfection but believe it provides a fair and impartial basis for appraising performance. In itself, and in combination with the studies and conclusions of Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Grand Commander as reported in the 1950 Proceedings, it may perhaps serve as a forerunner to further efforts along these lines by my successors.

It is presented with full confidence that you will accept it as a sincere effort to establish a basis for the appraisal of the overall performance of a Commandery in line with desired objectives and on a sound and equitable basis.

The attainment mark for each Commandery as tabulated later may be readily verified by reference to your own records and Commandery Notices, and rating in accordance with the following schedule of credits, bonuses, and deductions. It is possible that some credits may have been omitted in one or two cases through failure of Recorders to send their monthly notices to the Grand Commander as required.

ATTAINMENT MARKING SCHEDULE — 1957-1958

	Max. Credit Points	Group Total
INSPECTION		
1000 Inspection points = 400 Point Credit . . .		400
GROWTH		350
% of PETITIONS to quota (not over 100%) . . .		
= % of Max. Credit Points . . .	80	
% of ACCREDITED ADMISSIONS to petition quota (not over 100%) = % of Max. Credit Points . . .	100	
SUSPENSIONS and DEMITS, none for 3 years or 20% or more reduction from previous 3 year average . . .	70	
For a reduction of less than 20% from average of preceding 3 years . . .	25	
NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN, for 2% or greater net gain . . .	100	
For a net gain of less than 2% . . .	30	
ACTIVITIES . . .		250
York Rite Night . . .	50	
Banners and Escort at "All-Masonic Night" June 7, 1958 . . .	50	
Church Sunday or Escort Attendance — one or more oc- casions . . .	25	
Templar Christmas Observance . . .	25	
Ladies Night; or Outing — one or more . . .	25	
Banners & Escort at "Templar Assembly and Ball" March 1st . . .	20	
Attendance at Scheduled Exemplification . . .	15	
One or more Candidates worked at Full and Dramatic Form Order of Red Cross Presentation . . .	15	
Order of Malta Presentation . . .	15	
Patriotic Activities (any) . . .	5	
Public Installation . . .	5	
TOTAL . . .		1,000

BONUSES AND DEDUCTIONS

BONUSES for: —	Points
Each 10% of Petitions over quota . . .	8
Each 10% of Accredited admissions over petition quota . . .	10
Each 20% reduction of Suspension and Demits, beyond the required initial 20% . . .	10
Each 1% net gain in membership OVER the required initial 2% . . .	30
A Costumed "Red Cross" Team and 1 or more full and dramatic presen- tations of the work . . .	25
A Costumed "Malta" Team and 1 or more full and dramatic presen- tations of the work . . .	25
Each Full and Dramatic Presentation of either Red Cross or Malta away from home Commandery . . .	25
Sponsoring a Scheduled Exemplification . . .	25
A drill corp and participation in competitive drill . . .	20
Special or unusual activities, exceptional notices, publicity, etc., up to maximum of . . .	20
DEDUCTIONS for: —	
Each 20% increase, or fraction thereof, in Suspensions and Demits over preceding 3 year average . . .	Deduct 20
Each 1% loss, or fraction thereof, in Net Membership . . .	Deduct 30

I submit the Attainment Ratings for the year 1957-1958 to be as follows:

ATTAINMENT RATINGS — 1957-1958

Commandery	Rating	Commandery	Rating
Natick No. 33	1795	Godfrey deBouillon No. 25 . . .	659
Berkshire No. 22	1151	Ivanhoe No. 46	649
Old Colony No. 15	1072	Sutton No. 16	626
Bethlehem No. 43	1033	Jerusalem No. 18	618
Coeur de Lion No. 34	1018	Thomas Smith Webb No. 51 . . .	593
Winslow Lewis No. 18	1011	Connecticut Valley No. 23 . . .	588
Worcester County No. 5	1010	Joseph Warren No. 26	584
St. Andrew No. 49	971	Bethany No. 17	570
Bristol No. 29	930	St. Paul No. 40	569
Reading No. 50	906	St. Bernard No. 12	566
DeMolay No. 7	885	St. Johns No. 1	564
Springfield No. 6	873	Calvary No. 13	546
Milford No. 11	865	Cyprus No. 39	502
Gethsemane No. 35	813	Sir Galahad No. 52	475
Woonsocket No. 24	810	Cambridge No. 42	457
Pilgrim No. 9	793	Athol No. 37	446
Quincy No. 47	782	Bay State No. 38	422
Haverhill No. 14	753	Temple No. 48	388
Newburyport No. 3	732	Trinity No. 32	386
Palestine No. 10	730	South Shore No. 31	385
Hugh de Payens No. 20	712	Washington No. 4	367
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	709	Narragansett No. 27	355
Boston No. 2	709	St. Omer No. 21	315
Olivet No. 36	704	Orange No. 45	312
Beauseant No. 41	691	Northampton No. 30	260

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT CITATIONS

For quite a number of years it has been our custom to present Certificates of Merit to those of our Commanders and Commanderies whose efforts and accomplishments have been outstanding. In more recent years the form of accomplishment so recognized has been largely limited to petitions obtained in relationship to quotas set. It is also noted that a large proportion of our Commanderies annually receive such certificates. It is my opinion that when so many of our Commanderies are so cited on a single basis of comparison, such awards tend to lose their value, cease to provide the degree of recognition and incentive desired, and concentrate attention on a single rather than all objectives. The number of citations is therefore being reduced this year with principal awards based on over-all performance, as indicated by attainment ratings. Recognition is also given to outstanding accomplishment in the separate fields of (1) proficiency in work as evidenced at inspections, (2) growth, and (3) specified activities as a group. The selection of Commanderies for honorable mention is similarly determined.

It is worthy of note that of the six Commanderies who obtained 100% or more of their quota in petitions, but do not receive citations:

Failure to knight all petitioners was a material factor in 4 cases; No gain or a net loss in membership was a material factor in 5 cases; and

Substantial increases in suspensions and demits was a material factor in 4 cases.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARDS

GOLD SEAL — Highest Attainment Rating
 Natick No. 33 Rating 1795 Em. Sir Wilbur F. Garabedian

BLUE SEAL — Exceptional Attainment.
 All others exceeding 1000 point objective.

Berkshire No. 22	Rating 1151	Em. Sir Eugene O. Raich
Old Colony No. 15	Rating 1072	Em. Sir Henry L. Thuotte
Bethlehem No. 43	Rating 1033	Em. Sir John E. Huttunen
Coeur de Lion No. 34	Rating 1018	Em. Sir Wayne E. Soucey
Winslow Lewis No. 18	Rating 1011	Em. Sir Burleigh W. Craig
Worcester County No. 5	Rating 1010	Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher

RED SEAL — Excellence in specific endeavors.
Net Membership Gain of 3% or more and not included in above.

St. Andrews No. 49	net gain 6.94%	Em. Sir Elston C. Turner
Milford No. 11	net gain 5.06%	Em. Sir Noyes W. Bridgham
Bristol No. 29	net gain 4.81%	Em. Sir Clifford S. Sherman
Springfield No. 6	net gain 3.74%	Em. Sir Carl B. Martin, Jr.
Woonsocket No. 24	net gain 3.57%	Em. Sir Howard T. Law

Largest Number of Petitions and Accredited Admissions
 De Molay No. 7 53 Petitions, 50 Admissions.

Em. Sir Lawrence A. O'Toole, Jr.

Activities: Highest Rating.

Worcester County No. 5 280 Points Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher

Inspection: Highest Point Mark.

Reading No. 50 995 Points Em. Sir Francis C. W. Lazenby

My congratulations and thanks to each and all of you for the effort you have made to achieve these outstanding records. May your successors keep up the good work.

HONORABLE MENTION

Not to be forgotten are those Commanders and Commanderies whose hard work and efforts brought them so close to the exceptional records just recognized. Real credit is due the following Commanderies in the several directions of endeavor noted.

OVER-ALL ATTAINMENT

St. Andrews No. 49	Rating 971	Em. Sir Elston C. Turner
Bristol No. 29	Rating 930	Em. Sir Clifford S. Sherman
Reading No. 50	Rating 906	Em. Sir Francis C. W. Lazenby

SPECIFIC ENDEAVORS

Net Gain in Membership

Worcester County No. 5	Net gain 2.38%	Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher
Newburyport No. 3	Net gain 2.33%	Em. Sir James P. McCormack
Reading No. 50	Net gain 2.33%	Em. Sir Francis C. W. Lazenby
De Molay No. 7	Net gain 2.03%	Em. Sir Lawrence A. O'Toole, Jr.

INSPECTION MARK

Holy Sepulchre No. 8	993 Points	Em. Sir William F. Raymond
Hugh de Payens No. 20	993 Points	Em. Sir Howard L. Geer

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND ACCREDITED ADMISSIONS

Boston No. 2	41 each	Em. Sir Charles D. Harrington
Springfield No. 6	41 each	Em. Sir Carl B. Martin, Jr.
Worcester County No. 5	40 each	Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher

ACTIVITIES:

Winslow Lewis No. 18	265 Points	Em. Sir Burleigh W. Craig
Hugh de Payens No. 20	265 Points	Em. Sir Howard L. Geer
Pilgrim No. 9	245 Points	Em. Sir Norman L. Stavely
De Molay No. 7	240 Points	Em. Sir Lawrence A. O'Toole, Jr.
Gethsemane No. 35	240 Points	Em. Sir Richard W. Currie

Many thanks for your splendid effort.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

I gratefully acknowledge honorary memberships in St. John's Commandery No. 1, Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 (in whose Asylum my first impressions of the Order of Knights Templar were formed many years ago), Bristol Commandery No. 29, the Bellingham Navy Yard, and the Past Commanders' Associations of Massachusetts and of Vermont. I deeply appreciate these honors and evidences of regard.

MEMBERSHIP

In a period of recession which has to date resulted in the permanent closing of 83 plants with a loss of 20,033 jobs and an increase in unemployment from 3.4% to 7.85% in Massachusetts; and with similar conditions prevailing in Rhode Island, it is something of a pleasure to be able to report to you a net gain of 106 members, the largest of three years, and the continuance of our record of net gains each year for the 11th consecutive year.

My membership goal this year was 15,000 members. For all practical purposes I feel that we have not only reached but exceeded that goal for we end the statistical year with 14,954 full-fledged members and with a carry-over of 136 applications, the largest in years, of which the Knighting of only 47, approximately one-third of the total, within our statistical year, was needed to exceed our 15,000 goal.

Eighteen Commanderies equalled or exceeded their quotas. Natick No. 33 heads the list with 279% of quota. Of these 18, eleven have exceeded their quotas for two or more years; and two, DeMolay No. 7 and Cyprus No. 39, have exceeded their quotas for five consecutive years.

Twenty-four Commanderies recorded net gains in membership ranging from one-third of one percent to 19.23%, a record held by Natick No. 33. Six Commanderies stood still. Twenty recorded net losses of from two-thirds of one percent to 6.5%.

Our largest Commanderies upon whom we normally depend for our greatest gains appear to have been most seriously affected this year, as of the five largest only two, Worcester County No. 5 and DeMolay No. 7, show net gains, whereas three, St. John's No. 1, Boston No. 2, and Calvary No. 13, suffered net losses.

Losses through deaths remained relatively unchanged, 435 this year as against 432 last year. 74.4% of our application quota was attained this year, less than last year, but greater than the two preceding years. Suspensions and Demits which reached a high of 239 last year were reduced to 165 this year, a drop of 31 percent.

All in all, I think we may feel highly gratified with the results from our membership program this year. Without detracting in the least from credit due the effort made by some of our larger Commanderies, I think we must recognize that it is the effort of our average and smaller Commanderies, coupled with the lists of potential members supplied, the inspiration provided by York Rite Nights, and the serious attention given to potential losses thru suspensions and demits, which has made the present record possible.

With many people and communities in this highly industrialized two-State area seriously affected by the nationwide slowing down of our industrial machine, a much less satisfactory record might normally have been expected. Great credit is due, and my sincere thanks go to each and every one of you who faced the challenge and helped in any way.

The more complete report of the Membership Committee will follow later in the Conclave.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

It was a special pleasure and a privilege this year for your Grand Commander to have the opportunity to participate, at least in a small way, in the work of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation through the presentation at the request of our Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, of a check for \$10,000 to the Howe Laboratory of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston. This followed a previous grant of \$5,000 made in the preceding year.

On April 29th, your Grand Commander, accompanied by Sir Knight John E. Rines, Past Grand Commander and Secretary of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and Sir Knight George A. Weeks, Past Grand Commander and our Grand Recorder, were the guests at a luncheon of the Directors of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and the Directors and Scientists of the Howe Laboratories. Following President Henry Hixon Meyer's introduction and the luncheon, Dr. David C. Cogan, Director of the Howe Laboratories, took us on a personally conducted tour of the Laboratories and explained the scientific work and research projects being carried on.

I am sure that if more of our Sir Knights could but see and talk with the enthusiastic and dedicated men of the Howe staff who are devoting their lives to the solution of the many problems

that remain to be solved in research and the treatment of eye diseases, we would all have a much fuller appreciation and realization of the great opportunities which lie before our Foundation, and the tremendous benefits which can come through our contributions.

TEMPLAR ASSEMBLY AND BALL

The Second Annual Assembly and Ball of the Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, sponsored by the Presiding Councils Club, was held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, March 1st, 1958 with approximately 1,000 Sir Knights and their ladies and guests present.

Following the reception of the Honorary General Chairman, Right Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. and your Grand Commander and Suite under Worcester County Commandery escort, and the presentation of the Colors and Banners of 28 of the 33 Commanderies represented, 340 Sir Knights in full uniform formed the Cross in massed formation and passed in review.

Three drill teams, Sutton No. 16, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51, and Holy Sepulchre No. 8, competed for the Harry G. Pollard Cup which was won this year by Holy Sepulchre No. 8, and presented to them by Right Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. A second cup, the Presiding Councils Club Cup, retained permanently by the winner, was presented to them by Eminent Sir Wayne E. Soucey, President of the Club.

Entertainment, followed by a Grand March and dancing, completed the program of a fine evening thoroughly enjoyed by all who filled the spacious quarters of the Ballroom and Balconies. The co-operation of the Commanderies who helped to make the evening the success it was, is greatly appreciated, and I want to express my personal thanks and appreciation to the Presiding Councils Club, Eminent Sir Wayne E. Soucey, President, Sir Knight Jack Baker, Vice-president, and Sir Knight Harold L. Burr, Secretary-Treasurer, Eminent Sir Clayton F. Fisher, Commander, and the escort guard of Worcester County Commandery No. 5, for their effort and for the many courtesies extended to me on this occasion.

This is one of the few opportunities of the year for the Sir Knights and their ladies of the entire jurisdiction to get together for an entertaining social evening, and I hope it will become a "must" in our annual program.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The 28th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. was held in the Amphitheatre of the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, Easter Sunday Morning, April 6th, 1958.

Your Grand Commander together with several others from this Jurisdiction and a goodly representation from the New England States, attended the ceremonies and the breakfast which followed in the Hall of Nations at the Washington Hotel.

Moderate to heavy rains from early morning on effectively dampened the ardor of those responsible for parade plans as well as the uniforms and clothing of those who came to be present at the service.

I question which offers better evidence of regard and respect for this great Christian Order and for the inspiration of this nationally known Memorial Service — a brilliant array of colors led by the U.S. Marine Band and followed by hundreds of uniformed Sir Knights marching to the music of "Onward Christian Soldiers" on a clear and beautiful early morning, or the somewhat fewer but dedicated and sincere hundreds who came by bus and private car from Washington headquarters and all points of the compass to stand in soggy uniforms or sit on concrete benches in the rain throughout the services.

The welcoming address by our Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, followed by the Prayer by Sir Knight Homer Ferguson, Judge of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, an inspiring sermon by Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, D.D., Editor of the *Christian Herald*, together with the music of the U.S. Marine Band and the final ceremony of placing a cross of lilies on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, combined to complete a most impressive and inspiring program. I am glad I could attend regardless of the inclement weather.

ORDER OF MERIT

The Order of Merit and its distinctive jewel was established by Sir Knight William S. Hamilton, Past Grand Commander in 1934 during his year in office. It is intended to evidence in a lasting way our recognition and appreciation for service beyond the normal call of duty or which in other ways has brought distinction to our Order.

In the 24 intervening years to date there have been but 21 recipients of this jewel. To my mind there are two Sir Knights well deserving of this honor this year.

One, a Sir Knight who has given unstintingly of his time, personally assisted more Commanderies in perfecting their work and traveled more miles in the process, than any man I know of for years past. In addition he has devoted countless hours to the study and preparation of recommendations for revising and clarifying our tactical work and instructions, re-evaluating the relative weight of the ritualistic and tactical load carried by the Officers, Guards, etc., at Inspections, as well as the tactical supervision and clearing of questions at all five of our scheduled ex-

emplifications. It is with my personal thanks and appreciation as well as those of this Grand Commandery that I present this well-deserved jewel of the Order of Merit to Sir Knight Thomas C. Brown, Past Commander of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 and our Inspector Instructor, for his outstanding service to this Grand Commandery and the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction as a whole, this year.

The second Sir Knight to be so honored most assuredly well earned such recognition during his term in office some 8 years ago. His record in building Templary that year broke all records of the preceding 26 years and has not been equalled since. His devotion to the interests of Templary and hard-hitting ability to bring any project, or program he undertakes to a successful conclusion is so well known no further comment of mine is necessary.

This year he has again, through his outstanding ability as an interesting and forceful speaker, and his Chairmanship of our York Rite Night program, served Templary most effectively and brought distinction to our Order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. I have often thought that after the Lord made him He must have destroyed the mold, for I know of no other like him. I am personally indebted to him for his fine and helpful cooperation, and it is with grateful appreciation and real personal pleasure that I present the Jewel of the Order of Merit to Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery, for distinguished service in many ways and over many years in the interests of Templary and this Grand Commandery.

TAXES — POSSIBLE INCORPORATION

At the present time, real estate owned, rented, or occupied by the Grand Commandery or its Constituent Commanderies is not considered tax exempt under Massachusetts Laws.

To unquestionably establish our long recognized and accepted status as charitable organizations and therefore entitled to tax exemption under Massachusetts Law, a preamble to, and certain changes in our Constitution were unanimously accepted at a special Conclave held in Boston on December 27, 1957 for this purpose, and later adopted by vote of this Grand Commandery at its Semi-Annual Conclave in Worcester on May 24, 1958.

The Tax Commissioner has since ruled that under the exact wording of the law we are still not exempt as we are neither a "Corporation or Trust." Grand Lodge with its subordinate Lodges and the Scottish Rite Bodies are tax exempt due to their Corporate structure but our York Rite Bodies were not so constituted.

This situation was brought to your Grand Commander's attention by a letter of July 8, 1958 from Most Worshipful Whitfield

W. Johnson of the Grand Master's Tax Committee which also suggested the advisability of a September meeting of the Committee with the Presiding Officers of each York Rite Body to discuss the situation.

In view of the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave in August, our own Annual Conclave in October, and the possible need for action at one or both Conclaves in our case, I urged a meeting at the earliest possible date in my acknowledgment of July 18, 1958, and the suggested meeting was held in Boston, July 29, 1958. Present in addition to M. W. Whitfield W. Johnson and Em. Sir George B. Rowell of the Grand Master's Tax Committee, were the Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and your Grand Commander together with their respective legal advisors, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder, as the case may be, of the respective York Rite Bodies.

M.W. Brother Johnson outlined the position from both the legal and the Grand Master's point of view and following discussion of the several aspects of the situation, it was unanimously agreed to retain the services of the firm of Warner, Stackpole, Stetson and Bradlee to draw up articles of incorporation for each York Rite Body suitable for their particular needs and requirements. A rough estimate of total cost was given as approximately \$1,500; one-third of total cost to be borne by Grand Commandery. Your Grand Commander reserved the right to withdraw from the agreement without cost to Grand Commandery if Grand Encampment consent could not be obtained, and it is understood that in the event Grand Commandery, for some reason, does not wish to incorporate after some work has been done, charges to us will be but 50% of that incurred on the basis of cost outlined in Warner, Stackpole, Stetson and Bradlee letter of July 30, 1958 on file with our Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Grand Commander, who attended as my legal advisor, undertook to clear the question of Grand Encampment approval and I am glad to report that permission to incorporate has been granted by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater in a letter dated August 12, 1958 on file with our Grand Recorder.

It is my expectation that this matter will later be brought before this Conclave for action.

SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITS

The seriousness of our losses thru suspensions and demits was brought to your attention early in the year thru my official Orders and Letters on the subject as referred to in my report at our Semi-Annual Conclave. It is now possible to summarize the results of our effort to hold such losses to a minimum with due regard to the best interests of our Commanderies and individual Sir Knights.

In retrospect, note that suspensions and demits have increased at an alarming rate during the past 11 years; from 103 in 1946 to a high of 239 last year; in effect nullifying approximately one-third (31.2%) of our gross gains in membership for the year 1957, and resulting in a cumulative loss of operating income to our Commanderies of over \$70,000.00 and 11% of our 1957 membership in the 10-year period, of 1948 thru 1957.

It is gratifying to be able to report to you that suspensions and demits were reduced from the 1957 high of 239 to 165 this year; a reduction of 31% for the year and of 19% from the average of the three preceding years. Nine commanderies, Nos. 4, 13, 15, 24, 33, 34, 40, 42, and 43, reported no suspensions and no demits. Seventeen commanderies, Nos. 1, 2, 8, 16, 19, 21, 22, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39, 41, 45, 46, 47, and 49, complied with my request that notice of proposed suspensions and demits be sent me prior to taking action in order that a committee appointed for the purpose, under the Chairmanship of Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Gr. Capt. Gen., might be given an opportunity to advise and assist in any way possible.

Of the 63 reports of proposed suspensions and demits received it is worthy of note that 26 or 41% of the suspensions were unavoidable due to suspension or demit from prerequisite Bodies.

I want to express my appreciation to all concerned for their co-operation and the serious attention which they have given to the situation this year, and which I hope will continue as a matter well worthy of the attention of every Commander every year.

ALL MASONIC NIGHT

For the third consecutive year, an invitation was extended to your Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and to the Officers and Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies to be the guests of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at the "All Masonic Night" held in Boston Garden, Saturday evening, June 7, 1958, as covered by my Official Order No. 5 of March 5, 1958.

No comment of mine is needed to recall to our Sir Knights the magnificent display of Masonic solidarity, strength, and stature on that occasion. It has spoken for itself far more effectively in the recollections of those privileged to attend that *largest of all Masonic gatherings ever held in these United States*.

Templary at its finest was on display with 30 Grand Officers, the Officers, Colors, Banners and 779 uniformed Sir Knights of 33 Commanderies present. More than 1,000 Sir Knights were reported to have actively participated in the excellent program presented to an audience of over 16,000 which filled the Garden to overflowing. Few experiences can surpass the pride of Order, organization, and membership one feels on such an occasion.

We are all greatly indebted to Aleppo Temple for the opportunity to again so effectively present the Banners and Knights of this great Christian Order; and to our own Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, for his admirable planning and handling of the entire program. I want to express my further personal thanks and appreciation to the Grand Officers, and to the Commanders and Commanderies whose support and acceptance of my invitation to act as my escort, made this colorful and impressive display of Templary possible.

YORK RITE NIGHTS

Eleven well-attended and successful York Rite Nights were held this year in a cooperative and effective effort of the three York Rite Bodies to promote interest and membership in the York Rite of Freemasonry.

Minor revisions of the folder entitled "The York Rite of Freemasonry" originally prepared and issued by the York Rite Committee of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, were made, and several hundred printed and made available for general distribution on these occasions.

York Rite Nights, properly organized, and with well informed, outstanding speakers provide, in my opinion, the most effective medium yet found to further enlighten our Blue Lodge brethren and arouse interest in the York Rite.

A report of the Committee and further comment will be found in the proceedings as recorded for the Semi-Annual Conclave in May.

I strongly recommend the continuance and expansion of the York Rite Night programs in every area of the Jurisdiction.

There were ten (10) York Rite Nites held this year; only two were held last year in Massachusetts. Following is a list of the dates and places:

November 15, 1957	Haverhill, Mass.
December 18, 1957	Salem, Mass.
January 17, 1958	Lawrence, Mass.
January 30, 1958	Worcester, Mass.
March 20, 1958	Fitchburg, Mass.
April 11, 1958	Reading, Mass.
April 16, 1958	Boston, Mass.
April 26, 1958	Medford, Mass.
June 17, 1958	Edgartown, Mass.
September 16, 1958	Lowell, Mass.

TEMPLAR NIGHT AT THE "POPS"

Again this year, on June 3rd, the entire floor of Symphony Hall, Boston, providing 1,186 seats, was reserved for us for our Annual Templar Night at the Pops, sponsored by the Presiding Councils Club, Sir Knights Wayne E. Soucey, President, Jack Baker, Vice-president, and Harold L. Burr, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman of the project.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Arthur G. MacKenzie, Jr. piano soloist, provided a fine evening of excellent music. With all but 142 seats sold, it is evident that the evening was a success and one that we look forward to from year to year. I certainly hope a night at "Pops" will continue to be embraced in our annual program of activities.

FULL AND DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE ORDERS OF THE RED CROSS AND MALTA

This subject was covered in part in my report at the Semi-Annual Meeting to which I refer you. It is readily appreciated that not all Commanderies can afford the expense of costumes and regalia required to so present these Orders. On the other hand we now have 7 Commanderies so equipped and prepared for the Order of the Red Cross, and 6 Commanderies equally well equipped and prepared for the Order of Malta.

With such facilities available or within reach, and a desire to give full value for value received, it would seem that in most cases it should not be too difficult to see that each candidate receives, or at least has an opportunity to witness within the year of his admission, the full and dramatic presentation of these impressive Orders. Real progress toward this objective has been made.

There were three Full Form Red Cross and Malta Conclaves put on. Hugh de Payens, No. 20 of Melrose exemplified the Full Form Red Cross and Malta twice at which time they initiated 53 and 56 candidates bringing the total to 109 at the two Conclaves. Holy Sepulchre No. 8 of Pawtucket, R. I., in conjunction with St. John's No. 1 of Providence, R. I., put on the Full Form Red Cross and Malta at Pawtucket and had an aggregate of 56 candidates.

During the year these were the only three joint orders of Red Cross and Malta put on in Full Form and costume. There were a number of Commanderies that put on the Red Cross and Malta individually. The approximate number of candidates who received the Red Cross and Malta in Full Form during the year was 267.

VISITATIONS

No attempt will be made to record all visitations or engagements filled in the course of the current Commandery year of which there were well over 100, including inspections.

Conflict of dates prevented attendance at several Annual Conclaves and other occasions, but it was my pleasure and privilege to attend the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, Virginia, Washington, D. C., New York, Vermont and New Hampshire, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Indianapolis, and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the annual meetings or gatherings of York and Scottish Rite Bodies of both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and many periodic or special meetings and conclaves of one nature or another throughout the year.

I greatly appreciate the many courtesies extended to me on these occasions.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Our program of exemplifications was completed with the last exemplification at Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 on February 15, 1958. Only 10 of our 50 Commanderies failed to participate in any of the five exemplifications. The program was covered fully in my report at the Semi-Annual Conclave and the Committee's report submitted at that time, to which I refer you. Beyond expression of the hope that appropriate exemplification programs will be continued next year, no further comment seems necessary at this time.

RECEPTION

On Saturday, November 16, 1957, my home Commandery, Worcester County Commandery No. 5, Sir Knight Clayton F. Fisher, Commander, sponsored a reception in my honor, at the Masonic Temple in Worcester, which was attended by more than 300 Sir Knights and their Ladies, including Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and representatives of 38 Commanderies. Guests of honor included Most Worshipful Andrew Gray Jenkins, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts; Most Illustrious Frank H. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts; Most Illustrious Rudolph K. Watson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Rhode Island; Most Excellent George E. Cheek, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island; Illustrious George A. Weeks, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.-N.M.S., a Past Grand Commander and present Grand Recorder; and many others.

Wonderful tributes were paid me in the remarks of Eminent Sir Clayton F. Fisher, Commander; Eminent Sir John F. Mitchell, general chairman; Right Eminent Sir Harold S. Crocker; Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson; Most Worshipful Andrew Gray Jenkins, and others; and the whole evening from start to finish, including music by the Mildred Barret Bigelow Trio and entertainment by my Rotarian friends, was exceptionally well planned and conducted.

I find it difficult to find words adequate to express my gratitude and appreciation for everything done for me; for the Chapeau, Sword and Belt, and Past Grand Commander's Belt given me by the Past Commanders of Worcester County Commandery; for the beautiful clock-radio from the Officers of Worcester County Commandery, and for the Guest Book signed by all present, together with telegrams and letters from many who could not be present.

It was an evening I shall remember as long as I live. I am grateful indeed to the Past Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of Worcester County Commandery to whom I am so deeply indebted; to the Grand Commandery Officers, the Commanders, Sir Knights and their Ladies from the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to our Grand Master and the heads of Collateral and Associated Bodies who also honored me through their attendance and whose presence added so much to the occasion.

GROTTO TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

I also want to express my appreciation to brother Frank O. Johnson, Monarch, Brother and Eminent Sir Charles W. Robinson, Toastmaster, and my Brother Prophets of Aletheia Grotto of Worcester, for a Testimonial Banquet on April 29, 1958 and "Dwight Page" class of candidates, topped off by remarks and a fine address by Right Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and the presentation of a handsome Sheaffer Desk Set suitably engraved as a reminder of an enjoyable evening and occasion which needs no reminder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICE RELOCATION

Some questions still remain to be disposed of in connection with the location and refinishing of the Grand Commandery offices, now located on the 4th floor of the Temple. I am sure they are receiving the understanding consideration of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Copies of my September 22, 1957, February 10, 1958, and September 18, 1958 letters, together with other correspondence on the subject, are on file in our Grand Recorder's office.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1957-1958, twelve Commanderies presented 91 Thomas Smith Webb Medals to "40-year Veterans."

DeMolay No. 7	46
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	3
Pilgrim No. 9	7
Haverhill No. 14	3
Sutton No. 16	7
Natick No. 33	2
Olivet No. 36	5
Athol No. 37	3
Bay State No. 38	3
St. Paul No. 40	5
Beauseant No. 41	6
Orange No. 45	1
Total	91

FIFTY YEAR BARS

During 1957-1958, ten Commanderies presented fifty-six "Fifty Year Bars."

DeMolay No. 7	17
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	15
Pilgrim No. 9	3
Haverhill No. 14	1
Winslow Lewis No. 18	2
Hugh de Payens No. 20	6
Trinity No. 32	2
Natick No. 33	1
Gethsemane No. 35	2
Bay State No. 38	7
Total	56

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE STATED CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander by Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same or Special Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted,

Dispensations to Receive and ballot, during 1957-1958, upon petitions at the same or Special Conclave:

Number of
Petitions

4	October 14, 1957	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	October 22, 1957	DeMolay Commandery No. 7
1	October 28, 1957	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	October 28, 1957	Olivet Commandery No. 36

2	October 31, 1957	Sutton Commandery No. 16
2	November 4, 1957	DeMolay Commandery No. 7
1	November 5, 1957	Palestine Commandery No. 10
5	November 8, 1957	Natick Commandery No. 33
9	January 3, 1958	Natick Commandery No. 33
2	January 3, 1958	South Shore Commandery No. 31
1	January 9, 1958	Winslow-Lewis Commandery No. 18
3	January 20, 1958	DeMolay Commandery No. 7
1	January 20, 1958	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	February 24, 1958	Palestine Commandery No. 10
2	February 27, 1958	Sutton Commandery No. 16
1	March 11, 1958	Palestine Commandery No. 10
1	March 24, 1958	South Shore Commandery No. 31
1	March 24, 1958	Beauseant Commandery No. 41
2	March 31, 1958	Springfield Commandery No. 6
2	April 1, 1958	Sutton Commandery No. 16
1	April 1, 1958	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
1	April 1, 1958	Sutton Commandery No. 16
2	April 8, 1958	Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26
2	April 9, 1958	Natick Commandery No. 33
6	April 14, 1958	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	April 21, 1958	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	April 30, 1958	Worcester County Commandery No. 5
4	May 8, 1958	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	May 7, 1958	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
1	May 19, 1958	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
3	May 19, 1958	DeMolay Commandery No. 7
1	May 26, 1958	Worcester County Commandery No. 5
6	May 26, 1958	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	May 29, 1958	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
1	May 29, 1958	Reading Commandery No. 50
1	June 9, 1958	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
5	June 10, 1958	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
4	June 10, 1958	Sutton Commandery No. 16
7	June 26, 1958	Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8
2	June 30, 1958	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

October 3, 1957 — Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K.T., Haverhill, Mass. to appear in public in full Templar Uniform for parade purposes in connection with Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire.

October 17, 1957 — Trinity No. 32 K.T., Hudson, Mass. to hold a special election to elect a Captain General Senior, Warden and Trustee.

October 28, 1957 — Bay State No. 38 K.T., Brockton, Mass. to hold a special election for office of Trustee of the Permanent Funds.

November 8, 1957 — Narragansett No. 27 K.T., Westerly, R. I. to move their Armory from 58 High St., Westerly, R. I. to the new Masonic Temple, 20 Elm St., Westerly, R. I.

November 12, 1957 — Worcester County No. 5 K.T., Worcester, Mass. to hold a special election for the Office of Trustee of the Permanent Funds.

December 6, 1957 — Cyprus No. 39 K.T., Hyde Park, Mass. to hold a special election for the office of Captain General and such other officers as may be elected.

December 10, 1957 — St. Omer No. 21 K.T., Dorchester, Mass. to visit Union Lodge and participate in the raising of a candidate in the Third Degree.

December 30, 1957 — Quincy No. 47 K.T., Quincy, Mass. to take part in conferring of the Third Degree in Rural Lodge.

February 10, 1958 — Holy Sepulchre No. 8 K.T., Pawtucket, R. I. to put on a special exhibition of Tacties in Union Lodge, Pawtucket, R. I.

February 12, 1958 — Presiding Councils Club, Boston, Mass. for all Commanderies to appear in public in full Templar uniform and participate in the "Assembly of Knights Templar and Grand Commandery Ball." in the Hotel Statler Ballroom.

February 24, 1958 — Old Colony No. 15 K.T., Abington, Mass. to hold their Stated Conclave in the Masonic Temple in Plymouth, Mass. and confer the Orders of Red Cross and Malta on candidates entitled to receive same.

March 11, 1958 — Coeur de Lion No. 34 K.T., Charlestown, Mass. to hold a special election for the office of Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

March 12, 1958 — Berkshire No. 22 K.T., Pittsfield, Mass. to present Inspection and Review for the members of Pittsfield Lodge, Pittsfield, Mass.

March 31, 1958 — Narragansett No. 27 K.T., Westerly, R. I. to take part in the street parade in Westerly on Sunday, May 4th and escort the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island to the dedication of the new Masonic Temple.

April 4, 1958 — Holy Sepulchre No. 8 K.T., Pawtucket, R. I. to participate in a street parade for the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Westerly, R. I.

April 23, 1958 — Berkshire No. 22 K.T., Pittsfield, Mass. to hold their Conclave in the Masonic Rooms of Cincinnatus Lodge and Monument Chapter in Great Barrington and to work the Order of the Temple on candidates entitled to receive same.

May 23, 1958 — Berkshire No. 22 K.T., Pittsfield, Mass. to act as an escort at the dedication ceremony of the new Masonic Temple in Great Barrington on May 24, 1958.

COURTESIES GRANTED

December 3, 1957 — Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T., Newtonville, Massachusetts conferred the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta upon Companion Firson E. Hardenbergh as a courtesy to Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 K.T., Birmingham, Alabama.

February 17, 1958 — Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., Boston, Massachusetts conferred the Order of the Temple on Companion Firson E. Hardenbergh as a courtesy to Birmingham, Alabama, Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 K.T.

RELEASES OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

October 16, 1957 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over William Page Hamblett to Bethany Commandery No. 17 K.T., Lawrence, Massachusetts.

February 24, 1958 — Washington Commandery No. 1 K.T., Hartford, Connecticut granted a release of Jurisdiction over Hollis Alton Etchelle, Suffield, Connecticut, to Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., Springfield, Massachusetts.

April 4, 1958 — Apollo Commandery No. 15 K.T., Troy, New York granted a Release of Jurisdiction over John Harry Fiske, New Lebanon Center, New York.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

December 3, 1957 — South Dakota, Em. Sir Clayton Fay Fisher as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of South Dakota near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

July 15, 1958 — Florida, R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Florida near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

July 21, 1958 — New Mexico, Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Mexico near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

July 28, 1958 — Nebraska, Em. Sir John F. Mitchell as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Nebraska near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

September 7, 1958 — Illinois, Em. Sir Arthur E. Erickson as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Illinois near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

June 6, 1958 — Louisiana, Em. Sir Hepburn Byrd as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana.

August 13, 1958 — Maryland, Em. Sir Norman Strippy, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland.

August 27, 1958 — New York, Em. Sir Stanley D. Seigler as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

September 10, 1958 — Georgia, Em. Sir R. A. Smith as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia.

September 10, 1958 — Wisconsin, Em. Sir Orval Poehlmann as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I am grateful indeed to M.W. Andrew G. Jenkins, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M.W. George A. Farron, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, the Presiding Heads of the York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite Bodies, the Shrine, the Social Order of the Beauseant, and the Commanders of so many of our Commanderies, for their fine hospitality and the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office. I am sorry that conflicting engagements prevented my acceptance of many invitations both within and outside this Jurisdiction, but sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness which they betokened.

APPRECIATION

This report could not be complete without reference to or expression of appreciation to many not referred to elsewhere. Ours is not a one-man organization. Its progress, successes, or failures, in its objectives are governed by the degree and extent

to which each and every one of us is willing to put our shoulders to the wheel.

I feel that I have been blessed this year with fine and able Line Officers, a hard working staff, and enthusiastic Commanders. Without their loyal support, wholehearted cooperation and real effort, little progress could have been made. Nor am I less grateful to our Past Grand Commanders whose advice, wise council, and direct assistance has been so helpful in so many ways.

My sincere thanks and appreciation, too, to M.:E.: Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, and to M.I. Frank H. Wilson, Illustrious Grand Master of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. Their fine cooperation and addresses helped very materially to make our York Rite Night programs successful in all respects.

I wish at this time to express my appreciation to Em. Sir James C. Bayley, Director, New Membership Potentials (Massachusetts), and Em. Sir J. Leroy Jones, Director, Progress and Publicity, and the other members of the Membership Committee, for their support.

I am also indebted to our Past Commanders' Association and the Presiding Councils Club for their valuable assistance and whole-hearted cooperation in many ways throughout the year.

To our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight George A. Weeks, Past Grand Commander, our Grand Treasurer Sir Knight A. Kenneth Martin, Past Grand Commander, and our Secretary, Miss Dorothy Fowler, my grateful appreciation for their invaluable assistance and helpfulness throughout the year. I doubt that one can appreciate the responsibilities and problems of the Grand Recorder's office and the tremendous amount of work handled prior to close association with it as Grand Commander.

I am deeply conscious of the absence today of two very close and faithful friends of many years; Sir Knight John W. Abbott, Commander of Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K.T. in 1941 and my Deputy Grand Warder from 1946 to 1955, but whose health has seldom permitted him to be with us in recent years; and Sir Knight William W. Armour, Commander of Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K.T. in 1937, my Deputy Grand Warder in 1956 and 1957, and Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery this year until he passed away on April 14th. Their friendship, companionship, and loyal service over the years is not forgotten.

I want also to express my very deep and sincere appreciation to the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction as a whole for their encouragement, confidence in me, and friendship which has meant so much to me throughout the year; and last, but far indeed from least, to Sir Knight Harold S. Crocker, Past Grand Commander, whose fault it is, through his appointment of me to serve as Commander of the then 9th Division back in 1946, that I have been

inflicted on you as your Grand Commander this past year. Seriously, I can find no words to adequately express my great indebtedness to him for the opportunity to serve this great Christian Order that his appointment provided, and for his unwavering support and helpfulness throughout the years.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, in concluding my report, I want to record once more my great appreciation of the confidence you placed in me when you elected me your Grand Commander. My year as Grand Commander is one I shall not forget.

It has been a busy year. Tax matters, the relocation of the Grand Commandery Offices, illness in our office staff, the need for special effort to build membership and Triennial Year preparations combined to add materially to the normal load of all concerned. I have given gladly and unstintingly of my time and energy to the duties of this office and the advancement of Templary along all lines which have seemed to offer opportunity or need for attention. It is my hope that I may be found worthy of the confidence and trust, as well as the fine support and cooperation I have received from our Grand Officers and our Commanderies throughout the year. My travels within and outside this jurisdiction in the interests of Templary have brought me a host of new friends.

Templary in this, the oldest Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, has passed the 155th milestone in its history. This Grand Commandery has always recognized the great mutual advantages of hearty cooperation with all branches of Masonry, and the interchange of visits by the Officers of this and other jurisdictions. By these contacts we learn to broaden and increase our vision, and the scope of our endeavors in the cause of Templary.

The opportunities the future holds for this Order of Christian Knighthood are many. The extent to which we recognize and take advantage of them rests solely in our own hands. Our aims and endeavors must always be onward and upward; to maintain all that is best in life; to hold high the banners of our Country and of our beloved Order; to the end that this Order of Knights Templar, founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, may long endure and continue to serve the interests of Truth and Humanity.

I pledge my loyal support to my successor. May he lead us to ever greater heights.

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE

Grand Commander

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the Report of the Grand Commander be accepted and printed in the Proceedings, and that part of the Grand Commander's address which refers to recommendations be referred the Committee on Jurisprudence. Voted unanimously.

EXCERPT FROM THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS

R.:E.:Grand Commander, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to represent the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and bring the fraternal greetings of that Grand Lodge of which I know each and every Sir Knight is extremely proud of as we are. The various courtesies I have received from the Grand Commandery and the various Grand Commanderies throughout the country have been very gratifying. We have, of course, in Lowell one whose greetings I bring to you today and that is the Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of K.T. of the United States of America, from my home city, Harry Gilmore Pollard. I know that Harry would like to be with you. He wanted me to extend his greetings to you. He regrets on account of the condition of his wife that he is not able to go out as much as he would like to. His thoughts and his hopes and his aspirations are still with the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and I know that he plans to be with you sooner or later. In my various travels around I have been most graciously received in many Grand Commanderies. However, I don't think the hospitality has ever exceeded that of our own Grand Commandery in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I appreciate your R.:E.:Grand Commander's hospitality, his graciousness in supporting the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Grand Lodge certainly appreciates his efforts and what he has accomplished to unify and bring together the various Bodies. I am sure that that relationship is getting closer and closer in Massachusetts at all times. I know that some possibly here in this room were surprised to see Scottish Rite Masons and Representatives of the Shrine received at a Grand Commandery meeting. That was unheard of a few years ago. Today that feeling of brotherhood exists and we are all so happy to see it coming closer and closer together.

Once again, R.:E.:Sir, I thank you for your gracious hospitality, and thank you and your Grand Commandery for the opportunity of being with you today. Thank you very kindly.

During the Conclave, the following guests were introduced, each spoke briefly and brought the Greetings of their respective bodies:

Sir Knight Howard Joslyn, Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Eastern Division and personal representative of Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K.T. of the U.S.A.

Illustrious Herbert Nelson Faulkner 33° representing the Scottish Rite.

Most Illustrious Frank H. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Most Illustrious Raymond E. Crowell, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

Most Excellent Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Most Excellent Charles O. Davies, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

Eminent Sir Frederic Duncan, Chief Rabban of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Sir Knight Albert W. Hoffses, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Maine, who spoke for the presiding and Past Grand Commanders who were the guests of this Grand Commandery.

Boston, Mass., October 11, 1959

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

*To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Total Membership as of June 30, 1957.....	14,848
<i>Gains:</i>	
Knighthood.....	668
Affiliated.....	23
Reinstated.....	19
	710
<i>Losses:</i>	
Dimitted.....	98
Suspended.....	67
Errors.....	4
Deaths.....	435
	604
Net Gain.....	106
Total Membership as of June 30, 1958.....	14,954

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"

GRAND RECORDER'S CASH SUMMARY
GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

Arrears Collected	\$ 158.88
Per Capita Dues	12,785.72
Candidates' Fees	3,350.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	305.50
Diplomas and Engrossing	930.25
Tactics	16.00
Fifty-Year Bars	61.60
1957 Conclave	2,844.60
Official Order No. 1	188.70
Eye Foundation	14,848.00
Income — Annual Conclave a/c	104.31
Lost Rituals	60.00
Funeral Rituals	1.75
Office Expense	26.44
Telephone	.35
Master of Ceremonies Books	1.50
Loan — Educational Foundation	5,000.00
Moving	511.00
Dividends — Savings Bank	17.50
Past Commander's Association Rent	49.20
Grand Encampment Constitution	19.25
1958 Triennial Account	4,370.00
Repayment — Grand Fund Loans	1,284.08
 Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	 \$ 46,934.63
Paid to Grand Treasurer	\$ 46,934.63

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of the Grand Recorder and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will hear the Grand Treasurer's Report.

EXHIBIT "B"

GRAND TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY
GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

September 1, 1957 Balance on Hand	\$ 18,938.43
Received from Grand Recorder during fiscal year	46,934.63
 Total	 \$ 65,873.06

Expenditures During Fiscal Year

Per Capita Tax	\$ 2,301.44
Conclaves	5,732.18
Printing and Postage	1,865.69
Telephone	415.74
Office Supplies	136.03
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	218.58
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Rent	2,125.00
Proceedings	1,406.00
Bonding and Insurance	274.34
Inspection	1,048.00
Triennial	4,380.50
Salaries:	
Grand Recorder	\$ 2,158.00
Grand Treasurer	500.00
Secretary	1,716.00
Stenographer	140.00
 Total	 \$ 4,514.00
Less — S.S. and W.H. Taxes	436.21
 Total	 4,077.79
Official Order No. 1	111.82
Safe Deposit Box Rent	9.90
Withholding Taxes	330.40
Social Security Taxes	209.78
Unemployment Taxes	23.32
Audit	175.00
Lost Rituals	60.00
Laundry and Towels	21.25
Group Meetings	323.66
Eye Foundation	14,848.00
Flowers	43.80
Cooler and Water	50.80
Promotional Activities	311.00
Shoulder Straps and Rosette	111.55
Stock Purchase — Grand Fund	1,284.08
Donations	81.39
Repair Jewels	110.00
Moving	574.42
Maintenance	39.35
Miscellaneous	127.51
Repayment — Loan Educational Foundation	5,000.00
Transfer to Grand Fund—St. George Commandery	1,391.53
Candidate Fees Refunded	15.00
Publicity	31.00

Total	49,765.85
August 31, 1958 Balance on Hand	\$ 16,107.21

Represented by:

First National Bank of Boston — Checking Account	\$ 15,607.21
South Weymouth Savings Bank Account — Book No. 19542	500.00
 Total	 \$ 16,107.21

EXHIBIT "C"

COMPARATIVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Balance</i>
INCOME:			
Per Capita Dues.....	\$ 12,785.72	\$ 12,695.04	\$ 90.68
Candidates' Fees.....	3,340.00	5,000.00	1,660.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	273.09	500.00	226.91
Total Income.....	\$ 16,398.81	\$ 18,195.04	\$1,796.23
EXPENSE:			
Dues — Grand Encampment.....	\$ 2,301.44	\$ 2,302.00	\$.56
Conclaves — 1958.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	....
Proceedings.....	1,406.00	1,275.00	131.00
Printing and Postage.....	695.95	1,350.00	654.05
Rent.....	2,125.00	2,125.00	....
Inspections.....	1,036.00	1,000.00	36.00
Group Meetings.....	323.66	400.00	76.34
Bonding and Insurance.....	274.34	300.00	25.66
Salary — Grand Recorder.....	2,158.00	2,158.00	....
Salary — Grand Treasurer.....	500.00	500.00	....
Salary — Secretary.....	1,716.00	1,716.00	....
Salary — Stenographer.....	140.00	....	140.00
Grand Commander's Fund.....	500.00	500.00	....
Publicity.....	31.00	100.00	69.00
Promotional Activities.....	283.46	300.00	16.54
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment Taxes.....	106.08	150.00	43.92
Grand Commander's Jewel.....	45.00	50.00	5.00
Triennial Conclave.....	250.00	250.00	....
Auditor.....	200.00	200.00	....
Office Supplies.....	291.61	200.00	91.61
Telephone.....	415.39	300.00	115.39
Miscellaneous and Contingent.....	497.55	500.00	2.45
Total Expense.....	\$ 17,796.48	\$ 18,176.00	\$ 379.52
Direct Appropriation — 1958			
Triennial.....	250.00	250.00	....
Supplementary Appropriation —			
Proceedings.....	....	131.00	131.00
	\$ 18,046.48	\$ 18,557.00	\$ 510.52
Net Expense.....	\$ 1,647.67	\$ 361.96	\$1,285.71
Income from Grand Fund.....	3,800.00		
Direct Appropriation — Moving... ..	500.00		
Direct Appropriation — 1958.....	2,800.00		
Triennial			
Expense in Excess of Income.....	\$ 1,147.67		

EXHIBIT "D"

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

Balance — September 1, 1957 (as per last report).....	\$ 586.73
Add — Appropriation for 1958 Triennial.....	\$ 250.00
Special appropriation for 1958 Triennial.....	250.00
Interest on Savings Account.....	26.52
	526.52
Deduct — Withdrawal for 1958 Triennial.....	\$ 1,113.25
	1,050.00
Balance — August 31, 1958.....	\$ 63.25
Represented by:	
Deposit in South Boston Savings Bank — Book No. 189482	\$ 63.25

EXHIBIT "E"

CARRIE E. SEITZ FUND

Balance — September 1, 1957 — Principal.....	\$ 4,536.13
Interest.....	442.79
Total Fund.....	\$ 4,978.92
Add — Interest on Savings Account.....	166.94
	\$ 5,145.86
Deduct — Interest withdrawn for grants.....	450.00
Balance — August 31, 1958 — Principal.....	\$ 4,536.13
Interest.....	159.73
Total Fund.....	\$ 4,695.86
Represented by:	
Deposit in South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 22847	\$ 4,695.86

EXHIBIT "F"

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1958

ASSETS			
Cash — General Account			
First National Bank of Boston.....	\$ 15,607.21		
South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 19542.....	500.00	\$ 16,107.21	
Petty Cash.....		25.00	
Accounts Receivable.....		599.92	
Furniture and Fixtures.....		1,018.03	
Past Grand Commander's Jewel.....		50.00	
Inventories — Diplomas.....	\$ 274.98		
Office Supplies.....	7.00		
Thomas Smith Webb Medals.....	116.65		
Fifty-Year Bars.....	9.44		
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons.....	18.60	426.67	
Total Assets.....		\$ 18,226.83	

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Withholding Tax.....	\$ 59.40		
Social Security and Unemployment Taxes.....	18.54		
Accrued Expense.....	200.00		
Total Liabilities.....		\$ 277.94	
Net Worth — September 1, 1957.....	\$ 20,488.09		
Deduct — Transfer St. George Commandery Special Account.....	1,391.53		
Excess of Expense (Exhibit "C")..	1,147.67		
Net Worth — August 31, 1958.....		17,948.89	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....		\$ 18,226.83	
Conclave Account — Wildey Savings Bank — Book No. 191833.....		\$ 3,294.50	

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of the Grand Treasurer and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now hear the Report of the Auditor.

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1958, and present the various summaries of cash transactions, the comparative income and expense statement for the fiscal year, and the general fund balance sheet as at August 31, 1958.

- Exhibit "A" — Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
- Exhibit "B" — Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
- Exhibit "C" — Comparative Income and Expense Statement
- Exhibit "D" — Triennial Conclave Reserve
- Exhibit "E" — Carrie E. Seitz Fund
- Exhibit "F" — General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1958

The actual income for the year was \$1,796.23 below the budgeted figure for the period, while the actual expense for the year, exclusive of special appropriations, was \$379.52 below the budgeted expense. However, after consideration of the additional appropriations for various purposes, the expense in excess of income for the year was \$1,147.67. The net worth at the beginning of the fiscal year has been decreased by this amount plus the balance of the St. George Commandery Special account which has been transferred to the Grand Fund per vote of Grand Commandery.

During the examination, cancelled checks and approved vouchers for disbursements were presented and examined. Cash balances were reconciled with the bank statements and confirmed by the various depositaries. Amounts due on various Commandery returns were compared with actual receipts which in turn were checked to the Grand Treasurer's bank account. The statistical data on the returns was checked to the Grand Recorder's summary.

The petty cash fund was verified by count. The unpaid accounts receivable are shown on the balance sheet.

The contents of the safe deposit box were checked in the presence of George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer.

The amount voted by Grand Commandery for the conclaves of the current year was transferred from the General Fund to a savings bank account, No. 191833, at the Wildey Savings Bank. The balance of this account at the balance sheet date is shown as a footnote on Exhibit "F."

Various inventories and liabilities for accrued expense and taxes have been adjusted as of August 31, 1958.

I hereby certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, relating to the General Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1958, and the state of the Fund as at that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Auditor's Report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will have the Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

Boston, Mass., October 11, 1958

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the Report
of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1958 in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A — Income and Expenses Statement for fiscal year ended August
31, 1958

Exhibit B — Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1958

Exhibit C — Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, and Savings Bank Deposits as of
August 31, 1958

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by
Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD S. CROCKER
JOHN E. RINES
ARCHIBALD MEIKLE
Trustees of the Grand Fund

EXHIBIT "A"

GRAND FUND

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

INCOME:

Interest on Bonds — As per Exhibit "C".....	\$ 531.50
Dividends — Other Securities — Exhibit "C".....	3,954.59
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits—Exhibit "C".....	333.38
Sale of Rights.....	12.33
Total Income for Year.....	\$ 4,831.80

EXPENSE:

Rental of Safe Deposit Box.....	\$ 13.20
Audit Fee.....	50.00
Moving Expense — Per Vote.....	500.00
Triennial Expense — Per Vote.....	3,300.00
Total Expense for Year.....	\$ 3,863.20
Net Income for Year.....	\$ 968.60

EXHIBIT "B"

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT AUGUST 31, 1958

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

ASSETS

Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks (Exhibit "C")..	\$ 9,061.93
Bonds at Book Value (Exhibit "C").....	20,100.00
Bank and Other Securities (Exhibit "C").....	64,830.91
Total Assets.....	\$ 93,992.84
September 1, 1957 — Balance of Principal Account	\$ 91,585.83
Add — Grand Fund Net Income.....	968.60
Cash on Stock Dividend and Rights...	46.88
Transfer St. George Commandery a/c..	1,391.53
August 31, 1958 — Balance of Principal Account.....	\$ 93,992.84

EXHIBIT "C"

GRAND FUND

SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS

AS AT AUGUST 31, 1958

Par	Bonds	Book Value	Income for Year
\$7,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. 4% 10/1/95.....	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 280.00
4,000	Boston & Maine R.R. Income "A" 4½% 1970.....	4,000.00	.....
1,600	Boston & Maine R.R. 1st Mtg 4% 1960.....	1,600.00	64.00
7,500	U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Aug. 1960.....	7,500.00	187.50
		\$ 20,100.00	\$ 531.50
Shares	Stocks		
108	First National Bank of Boston.....	\$ 3,878.94	\$ 361.80
50	United Fruit Company.....	2,875.09	150.00
121	Chemical Corn Exchange Bank.....	3,500.00	278.32
35	American Tobacco Company.....	2,144.59	175.00
70	Pacific Lighting Corp.....	1,808.83	147.00
25	F. W. Woolworth Corp.....	1,084.86	62.52
60	Union Oil Co. of California.....	1,843.30	123.00
102	Peoples First National Bank & Trust of Pittsburgh.....	4,550.00	270.30
122	First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co.....	5,168.36	268.40
159	General Motors Corp.....	4,847.19	318.00
90	Standard Oil Co. of N. J.....	3,307.19	202.50
115	Household Finance Company.....	3,125.23	136.50
136	Chase Manhattan National Bank.....	4,017.77	326.40
89	American Tel. & Tel. Co.....	14,805.83	605.25
100	Sterling Drug Co.....	2,005.73	150.00
957	Mass. Investors Trust.....	5,868.00	379.60
		\$ 64,830.91	\$ 3,954.59

<i>Savings Banks</i>			
Salem Savings Bank No. 62890.....	\$ 1,000.00	\$	32.50
Home Savings Bank No. G405308.....	1,045.98		33.96
Willey Savings Bank No. 196439.....			32.04
Willey Savings Bank No. 190689.....	5,624.42		234.88
Weymouth Savings Bank No. 44989.....	1,391.53		....
	<u>\$ 9,061.93</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>333.38</u>

GRAND FUND AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1958

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1958. This data is summarized in the following exhibits.

Exhibit "A" — Income and Expense Statement for the year ended August 31, 1958

Exhibit "B" — Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1958

Exhibit "C" — Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, and Savings Bank Deposits as at August 31, 1958

The various securities and savings bank books were seen and examined at the safe deposit vault of the National Shawmut Bank in the presence of Archibald T. Meikle, Trustee, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and were found to be in accordance with the schedule shown in Exhibit "C". Confirmations from the various depositaries have been received.

The Principal account has been adjusted to reflect the addition of the net income from the Grand Fund for the year and the transfer of the St. George Commandery Special Account as voted by Grand Commandery. Detailed items of income are shown in Exhibit "C."

I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the transactions of the Trustees during the year ended August 31, 1958, and the state of the Fund as of that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Auditor's Report on the Grand Fund and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1958-1959

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T.:
Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1958-1959:

Grand Encampment Dues.....	\$ 2,318.00
Conclaves 1959.....	2,500.00
Proceedings 1958.....	1,200.00

Public Relations and Publicity.....	350.00
Printing and Postage.....	1,500.00
Exemplifications — York Rite Nites.....	400.00
Rent.....	2,125.00
Inspection.....	750.00
Group Meetings.....	400.00
Bond and Insurance.....	300.00
Salary — Grand Recorder.....	2,158.00
Salary — Clerk.....	1,924.00
Salary — Grand Treasurer.....	500.00
Grand Commander's Jewel.....	65.00
Grand Commander's Fund.....	500.00
Triennial Fund.....	250.00
Auditor.....	200.00
Office Supplies.....	271.00
Telephone.....	300.00
Misc. & Contingent.....	500.00
S.S. and Unemployment.....	200.00
Promotional Activities.....	250.00

Total..... \$ 18,961.00

Estimated Income — Per Capita.....	\$ 14,954.00
Candidate Fees 750 at \$5.00.....	3,750.00
Other Income.....	500.00

Total..... \$ 19,204.00

Anticipated Receipts from 14,954 Members at \$1.00 G. E. Eye Foundation.....	\$ 14,954.00
Paid G. E. Eye Foundation.....	14,954.00

Respectfully submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
ARTHUR R. DORWARD

Boston, Mass., October 11, 1958

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BUDGET FOR 1959

*To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1959:

Postage.....	\$ 50.00
Salary — Secretary.....	1,898.00
Salary — Clerk.....	2,184.00
Salary — Treasurer.....	300.00
Rent.....	700.00
Telephone.....	150.00
Audit.....	300.00
Trustees' Expense.....	65.00
Misc. & Contingent.....	100.00

Bond and Insurance.....	200.00
Office Supplies.....	75.00
Retail Credit.....	175.00
Social Security.....	80.00

Total..... \$ 6,277.00

Courteously submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*

HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

ARTHUR R. DORWARD

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of the Finance Committee and print same in the Proceedings.

October 2, 1958

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

205 Masonic Temple

51 Boylston Street

Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Northampton Commandery No. 30 K.T., Section 1, Article 2, copy of which is annexed hereto.
2. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T., Article 10, Section 1, copy of which is annexed hereto.

In a response to a request for an opinion relative to the interpretation of the last paragraph of Article 8, Section 2, of the By-Laws of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, an opinion dated July 14, 1958, was given to the Grand Recorder.

This Committee was requested to comment on tax memorandum Number 4, from the Office of Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, relative to the tax status of Masonic Temples. Report of Committee is enclosed herewith, together with said tax memorandum Number 4.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*

Jurisprudence Committee

NORTHAMPTON COMMANDERY No. 30

Knights Templars

Proposed Amendment No. 5

Conclaves of the Commandery

Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution and By-Laws of Northampton Commandery No. 30 be revised by striking out "The stated conclaves of this Commandery shall be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the third Monday in each month"; the revised section to read as follows: "The stated conclaves of this Commandery shall be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the third Wednesday in each month."

LEDYARD A. SOUTHARD, *Recorder*

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY No. 35, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

NEWTONVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

September 24, 1958

Change of By-Laws.

Article X, section 1, DUES.

Change figures from ten dollars to twelve dollars, so that Article X, section 1 will read:

"Every member of this Commandery except Life Members and members of other Commanderies who are now, or later may become, Honorary Members shall annually in the month of June pay Twelve Dollars (\$12.00), and members added during the remainder of the fiscal year shall pay One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, (omitting July and August) for the support of this Commandery during the ensuing year. No member who is in arrears in the payment of Dues for the term of two years shall be entitled to vote or hold office therein."

Adopted at the Stated Conclave of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, K.T., held on Tuesday, September 23, 1958.

Attest:

CHESTER A. CLEVELAND, *Recorder*.

October 2, 1958

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Committee to whom was referee the matter of incorporation of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have care-

fully considered the matter and the impelling reasons therefor, and have been advised that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America would have no objection to the incorporation of our Grand Commandery under the laws of Massachusetts.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island take all action necessary or appropriate, including the employment of counsel, to become incorporated as a charitable corporation under the laws of Massachusetts with the name of "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, Inc.," or a substantially similar name; and that the Grand Commander be authorized to take all steps which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
GEORGE B. ROWELL
Jurisprudence Committee

TAX MEMORANDUM NUMBER 4

The following memorandum has been prepared by the office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation relative to the tax status of Masonic Temples:

To: All Boards of Assessors

June 13, 1958

From: John Dane, Jr., Associate Commissioner

Re: Exemption of Real and Personal Property of Fraternal Organizations.

1. Analysis of 1957 Amendments.

Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1957 made two important changes in the provisions of General Laws, chapter 59, section 5, clause 3rd, relating to the exemption of real property of certain charitable organizations.

First. Prior to the amendment, only real estate "owned" by certain specified types of institutions "incorporated in the commonwealth" and "occupied by them or their officers for the purpose for which they are incorporated" or "purchased by them with the purpose of removal thereto" was exempt.

No change is made by the 1957 amendment in the activities — literary, benevolent, charitable or scientific — which will qualify an organization for exemption. However, the types of organization entitled to exemption have been broadened to include trusts.

- a. established by a declaration of trust executed in the commonwealth, or
- b. all of whose trustees are appointed by courts of the commonwealth

provided that

- a. the "principal" charitable, etc. purposes of the trust are "solely carried out within the commonwealth," or
- b. the charitable, etc. purposes are "principally and usually carried out within the commonwealth."

Second. Prior to the 1957 amendment, both ownership and occupancy of the property had to coexist in the same corporation. No exemption was available for real estate owned by one charitable, etc. corporation and occupied by another such corporation. Likewise, no exemption was available where property was held by trustees exclusively for the use of a charitable, etc. corporation.

This has been changed so that under the statute as amended real estate held in trust for a charitable, etc. corporation or trust, or owned by one charitable, etc. corporation or trust and used by another such organization for the latter's purposes will be exempt.

2. Application of 1957 Amendments to Masonic Temples.

a. Request for Ruling

An opinion has been requested from this Department respecting the status, for the purpose of local taxation, of Masonic Temples and a detailed brief on the application of the 1957 amendments so far as Masonic Temples are concerned has been submitted.

The fact that this memorandum is concerned solely with the status of Masonic Temples is due to the fact that up to the present time a specific ruling on this point has been requested only with respect to this particular type of property. No opinion is expressed at the present time as to the status of real estate owned by other fraternal orders since no request for such a ruling has been made by any other orders. As soon as any further such requests are received and appropriate factual information submitted, you will be advised as to the course which you should take with regard to them.

b. Factual Situation with Respect to Masonic Temples.

We understand that with the exception of the Temple in Boston which is owned by the Grand Lodge, title to Masonic Temples in Massachusetts is in most cases held either by

- a. an association incorporated under chapter 180 of the General Laws or equivalent provisions of earlier laws, "For the association and accommodation of societies of Free Masons . . . or other charitable bodies.", or
- b. a board of trustees under a trust established for similar purposes.

We are advised that a Masonic Temple in a smaller community may accommodate one or more Blue Lodges, so called, which are integral and constituent parts of the Grand Lodge and have been so recognized by the Supreme Judicial Court in *Peakes vs. Blakeley*, 333 Mass. 281, 284 *Old Colony Trust Co. vs. Commissioner*, 331 Mass. 329, 336-7. The purposes of the Grand Lodge have been determined to be charitable in these two cases.

In larger communities, Masonic Temples are usually used by several Blue Lodges, or Chapters, Council and Commandery of the York Rite and in some instances one or more Scottish Rite Bodies. All Scottish Rite and York Rite Masons must be members of a Blue Lodge in good standing. It would seem clear that these bodies are charitable since the great weight of authority holds that Masonic organizations are charitable societies or institutions under the taxing laws. *MacGregor vs. Commissioner*, 327 Mass. 484 at 488, footnote 2.

c. Ruling with Respect to Tax Status of Masonic Temples.

The situation with respect to the status of Masonic Temples under chapter 59, section 5, clause 3rd would seem to be as follows: Where title to the Temple is (a) in a non-profit corporation organized under chapter 180, under similar provisions of prior acts or under special law for the purposes of Masonry or (b) in a trust established for such purposes, and the Temple is occupied by one or more of the following Masonic organizations: — the Grand Lodge, any Blue Lodge (such Lodges being integral parts of the Grand Lodge) or any Scottish Rite body, the requirements for exemption are met since the property is owned by one charitable organization and occupied by another such organization. York Rite Masonic bodies (Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies), though charitable, are not so organized as to qualify for the exemption set forth in this statute. Where the Temple is owned by a corporation whose income is or may be divided among its stockholders or is or may be used or appropriated for other than charitable purposes, the exemption is not available. Where the real estate housing the Temple, even though owned by a Masonic corporation or trust of the type above described, is used in part for business activities, such portion of the real estate is not exempt. There has been no change in the law applicable to the apportionment of this exemption in cases where only a partial exemption is to be allowed.

/s/ JOHN DANE, JR.
Associate Commissioner

Upon motions duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of Jurisprudence Committee, adopt the recommendation and print same in the Proceedings.

Voted Unanimously.

V. E. : SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE; R. E. : Grand Commander, the First Amendment to the Grand Constitution appears on the printed notice for today — the Amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS

MOVED: That Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended by striking out the words "and May" and the semi-colon in the second line of the first paragraph and by striking out the words "in October" in the fourth line of said paragraph, and by striking out the semi-colon in the fifth line thereof and by inserting in its place a period, and by striking out the words "and in May for the transaction of such business as may be presented," so that said Section 1 of said Article IV will read as follows:

"Article IV. Section 1. This Grand Commandery shall hold a stated conclave in October of each year at such time and place as the Grand Commander shall appoint for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business.

Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Commanderies.

No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the notice or summons."

After a lengthy discussion, above Amendment was not adopted.

MOVED to amend Article XVIII, Section 2 by changing the word "seventy" to read "eighty-four and one-half" so that said Section shall read:

SECTION 2. Every Constituent Commandery shall make annually to the Grand Recorder on or before the fifteenth of August a return of the Roll of Officers and members and of all candidates for the Orders accepted or rejected up to and including June 30 next preceding and pay to this Grand Commandery five dollars for every Knight receiving the Order of the Temple and 84½ cents plus the amount of per capita dues assessed by Grand Encampment for every member returned and from the sum thus collected shall be paid the assessment for every member levied by the Grand Encampment. A Commandery failing to make said return on or before the fifteenth day of August shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

After a lengthy discussion, the above Amendment was unanimously adopted.

Boston, Mass., October 11, 1958

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Printing made every effort to keep the cost of Printing of the 1957 Proceedings to a minimum for the quality of paper and workmanship involved.

The Catalog Printing Company, which has printed our Proceedings for the past four years submitted the following quotation for printing the 1957 Proceedings:

325 copies of 120 pages, printed 1 color inside, 4 colors on cover, with half-tone of the Grand Commander printed on heavy coated paper and tipped to page 1 with tissue.

Binding to be sewed in 16 page signatures with cover glued to back and to score, books trimmed, flush to 6" x 9" — \$1250.00.

Additional pages of new material would be billed at \$12.00 per page. (This price does not include the author's corrections, mailing envelopes or postage. The postage amounts to 8¢ per copy.)

NOTE: The Proceedings, when finished, covered 134 pages and cost \$131.00 more than the Budget figure. This additional cost was covered by a supplementary budget, May 24, 1958.

The Catalog Printing Company has submitted the following quotation for the printing of the 1958 Proceedings:

250 copies, 120 pages inside, printed in 1 color with cover printed in 4 colors, half-tone of Grand Commander on heavy coated paper, tipped to first signature with tissue.

Sewed binding with cover glued to back and tipped to score. Inside stock will be 60 lb. white antique, cover will be 100 lb. Lustro coated. Trim size 6" x 9". \$1316.75.

Catalog Printing guarantees the same quality of composition, proofreading, presswork and binding that they have delivered to Grand Commandery in the past.

You will note that owing to additional cost of labor, postage and material, we have asked for quotation on 250 copies which is 75 copies less than last year.

We recommend — "that only the essence of long discussions or speeches be printed in the proceedings. Full transcripts are bound and on file in the Grand Recorder's office as a complete and permanent record."

Courteously submitted,

DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Chairman*
ALFRED C. BLAKE
GEORGE A. WEEKS

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I will now declare a Recess to reconvene at 2:20 P.M.

RECESS

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare Grand Commandery reconvened for business at 2:20 P.M.

October 11, 1958

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

All Fifty Commanderies held their inspections this year with 23 receiving a mark of 10—, 15 of 9+, 10 of 9, and 2 of 9—.

Twenty-five Commanderies retained the same mark as last year while 13 bettered themselves and 12 went lower.

This year two Commanders did their work without the loss of a point, while 22 lost from 1 to 9 points and the remaining lost from 10 to 79 points.

Twenty-one Commanderies needed help to fill their divisions and lost from 1 to 21 points.

This year I have visited all Fifty Commanderies, 45 of these on Inspection night. I found a real interest in all Commanderies to conform to the Tactics of our Jurisdiction and to confer the Orders as correctly as possible.

Courteously yours,

THOMAS C. BROWN
Inspector Instructor

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS AND PUBLICITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1958

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

In the year just ended our Grand Commandery had a net gain of 106 members. This gain, though small, is slightly better than that of last year and was obtained despite adverse economic conditions. Total admissions were 56 less than last year, but a substantial reduction in the number of members demitted and suspended made possible the improved net gain.

Membership Change — Five-Year Period

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Knighted	668	728	642	710	676
Affiliated	23	17	14	30	22
Reinstated	19	21	15	18	24
Errors				1	
Gross Additions	710	766	671	759	722
Deaths	435	432	420	440	408
Demits	98	121	121	101	109
Suspensions	67	118	86	66	78
Errors	4	7	7	1	12
Gross Terminations	604	678	634	608	607
Net Gain	106	88	37	151	115
Percent Gain	.71%	.59%	.25%	1.04%	.8%

MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Natick Commandery No. 33 led in membership gain with an increase of 40, Springfield Commandery No. 6 was second with a gain of 19, and Worcester County Commandery No. 5 and Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 shared third place with gains of 17 members each.

PETITIONS

Our Grand Commandery quota was continued at 1,000 petitions as a reasonable and attainable goal. We obtained 744 petitions, or 74.4% of quota.

A total of 18 commanderies equaled or exceeded their quotas compared with 20 in the preceding year. Natick Commandery No. 33 obtained 279% of its quota. This is the third successive year in which Natick Commandery has obtained over 200% of its quota. DeMolay Commandery No. 7 and Cyprus Commandery No. 39 have an unbroken period of five successive years of quota attainment.

DeMolay Commandery No. 7 had the honor of obtaining the largest number of petitions — 53, Springfield Commandery No. 6 and Boston Commandery No. 2 shared second place with 41, and Worcester County Commandery No. 5 was third with a total of 40.

NET GAINS AND LOSSES

Twenty-three commanderies had a net gain in membership, 21 had net losses and 6 had no change. It is ominous that in the year just ended, as in the preceding year, 42% of our commanderies had a net loss in membership. This is a situation that requires study and correction.

DEBITS AND SUSPENSIONS

We lost 98 members by debits and 67 by suspensions. Although our losses were 74 less than in the preceding year, constituting a marked improvement, we should continue our efforts to eliminate all unnecessary debits and suspensions.

AFFILIATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

There were 23 affiliations and 19 reinstatements. The total is slightly higher than in the preceding year, but it would appear that further gains in membership can be obtained from increased attention to these sources.

PUBLICITY

Use was made of *The Templar* to promote and record membership activity through the publication of short articles and of comparative membership statistics.

Courteously submitted,

J. LEROY JONES, *Director*
Membership Progress and Publicity

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Inspection and Tactics Committee was held August 1, 1958 to act on:

- (1) Recommendations for changes in Tactics presented by the Inspector Instructor.
- (2) The situation presented by the present very limited supply of Tactics Manuals and the need for the incorporation of last year's and this year's changes. And:
- (3) Such other matters as might properly be brought before the Committee for attention.

All members of the Committee were present with the exception of S.K. Harold S. Crocker, P.G.C. with whom the matters under consideration were discussed over the phone in the course of the meeting and whose agreement with the Committee on action taken was so obtained.

The Committee's action last year as implemented by Official Order No. 6 of Sept. 3, 1957 cleared all known questions and revisions of the Tactical work except the tactics and procedure for the reception of the Inspecting Officer at Inspections and Official Visitations.

Recommendations for the revision of this section of the Tactics and also general revisions to conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment

on the use of titles were presented by the Inspector Instructor, and, following discussion, adopted by unanimous vote. (See Official Order No. 10 of Sept. 22, 1958.)

The Grand Recorder reported some requests for new Tactics Manuals but with few if any now available to meet the demand. All Tactics Manuals issued within the past several years have been sold to, and are therefore the property of the purchasers. They are not necessarily passed along or resold to new officers coming into the line each year. Obviously some means must be found to provide Tactics Manuals or their equivalent to these new officers and to make it possible for present owners of Manuals to bring them up to date.

With the many changes which have been made since the Tactics were last printed in 1946 the suitability of stickers for the correction of present Manuals is open to question. The cost of printing new Manuals would today presumably be at least two or three times that of 1946 and we feel that such expense should not be recommended or considered until all changes made within the past year or so can be proven out in practice this coming year.

It is therefore felt that possibly one of several temporary or stop-gap means suggested might serve present purposes and the Grand Recorder was requested to investigate such possibilities and report his findings for the consideration of the Grand Commandery at this Conclave. His report will follow action on this Committee Report.

Reported possible variances in the basis used for determining the number required for the count at Inspections, and the apparent lack of definite Orders or generally accepted and understood rulings, as referred to earlier in this Conclave in the Grand Commander's report, were brought to the attention of the Committee and its recommendations requested.

Reports of deductions being allowed in some cases for absence on business or pleasure trips, and for those over certain ages, as well as for illness or other incapacity to attend, were verified by the Inspector Instructor.

Following full discussion and thorough consideration of all facets of the problem it was unanimously agreed that:

- (1) the count should be based on the number of members residing within 40 miles of the Town or City of the Commandery concerned,
- (2) that without allowance for illness or other fully justifiable inability to attend, it is reasonable to expect the support and attendance of at least 50% of those residing within the above 40-mile limit,
- (3) that a deduction of 10% of the entire membership residing within the above 40-mile limit should be ample to allow for illness or other unquestionably justifiable inability to attend, and
- (4) that the above fixed allowance for justifiable absence eliminates all hearsay or questionable factors, provides a readily verified record, simplifies and clarifies the work and responsibilities of our Recorders and Division Commanders, and provides assurance to and for our Commanderies, of uniform and equitable treatment.

We therefore strongly recommend that the number required for the Count be determined to be 45% of the number of Life and Annual members of a Commandery residing within the 40-mile limit with no deductions for age, illness, or any other reason whatsoever.

We believe the adoption of this recommendation will eliminate questions now existing, tend to promote harmony, and insure equal consideration and justice to all in the determination of the Count.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Chairman*

Supplemental. As a matter of record your Grand Commander and Inspector Instructor took occasion to consult S.K. Louis F. Heger, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters at the Triennial and requested a ruling on 'where Ritual stopped and Tactics began' in regard to forms of address, commands, etc. S.K. Heger stated that Grand Encampment con-

siders *everything printed* in the Ritual as Ritual, governed by and to be adhered to in accordance with Grand Encampment Regulations. D.C.P.

R.:E.:SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I recommend you, Sir that this Report be accepted and be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery.

Voted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of U.S.A., held at Indianapolis August 16-22 was attended by 14 of our 23 eligible voting delegates. A total of approximately 50 of our Massachusetts and Rhode Island Sir Knights were present for the parade Saturday evening.

A West-coast, Banff and Lake Louise trip was enjoyed by several of our Sir Knights prior to the Triennial, and following it another group enjoyed the relaxation of the Chicago, Great Lakes Cruise, Niagara Falls visit set up for us by Four Seasons Travel Service of Worcester.

Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber was elected Most Eminent Grand Master for the ensuing three years, and our good friend and neighbor, Sir Knight and Reverend Howard T. Joslyn of Derry, New Hampshire, was appointed Department Commander for the Northeastern Atlantic States, the position just vacated by our own Sir Knight Frederic Kennedy, Past Grand Commander.

Among the actions taken might be mentioned the following of particular interest to our Sir Knights:

1. The retention of Educational Foundation Funds in the hands of the Fund Trustees of the State Jurisdiction.
2. Approval of our request for permission to incorporate if advisable to meet Massachusetts Tax Exemption requirements and so desired by our membership.
3. Approval of Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.'s resolution to require an applicant for the Orders to state whether or not he has ever applied for admission to any Commandery other than the one to which his application is directed.
4. The grant of authority to all Grand Commanderies to make membership in the Council of Royal and Select Masters a prerequisite to membership in the Commandery, if so desired.

I am glad to report an unexpended balance of \$469.50 in the Triennial Fund. I recommend that this be retained to form the nucleus of a Fund for the next Triennial.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT C. PAGE
Chairman

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above reports and print same in the Proceedings.

R.:E.:SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR., R.:E.:Sir, as has been stated at the Indianapolis Triennial there was passed a resolution which makes it permissive for any Grand Commandery Jurisdiction to make it obligatory to hold membership not only in the Chapter but in the Council of Royal and Select Masters in order to file application in a Commandery of Knights Templar. I therefore have available a proposed amendment which I offer with the purpose that it may have the study of a committee which I will urge be appointed and that we consider seriously adopting a procedure in the York Rite analogous to the more successful procedure in the Scottish Rite where it is possible to go from the Blue Lodge to the 32° in four successive Fridays even at a greater cost than the York Rite but a great saving of time. As a result, at least here in Massachusetts, since 1950 the Scottish Rite membership has exceeded the York Rite membership of the Order of Knights Templar which it did not exceed in the year 1950 which I say again has been largely due to the facility by which a man can file four applications and perhaps one check on the same night and move.

I therefore offer a proposed resolution and proposed amendment which won't require discussion today, of course, and can't call for discussion today. In all frankness I would like to have a study made because my present inclination is that on the adoption of such an amendment it should be accompanied by the following. That these amendments shall be effective only when and as long as the amendments to the constitutions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island shall provide and specify that all applications for election to receive the Degrees shall also require the applicant simultaneously to sign application for the Order of Knighthood if his religious belief permits him to sign a representation that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

That is all for discussion in the future, R.:E.:Grand Commander. I shall offer this resolution and proposed amendment to be printed in the call for the next Conclave together with the suggested motion which I think may perhaps well accompany it.

I am going to offer this and then I am going to move a committee that will be able to sit down around a friendly table with the Chapter and Council, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Commander, and to take up the question not only of the Council setup but a closer and more friendly or perhaps a more effective relationship between the Council, the Chapter, and the Commandery.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: It is our firm conviction that the York Rite of Freemasonry should be more closely united, and that Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, should work together for their mutual benefit, and,

WHEREAS: The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at their 47th Triennial Conclave held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22, 1958, adopted an amendment to their Constitution, which provided that any Grand Commandery may, by proper enactment, require the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood in its Constituent Commanderies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended as follows:

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To amend Article XIX, Section 1 — "Orders and Qualifications," of the Constitution, by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the fifth line, the following: "Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master"; and by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the seventh line, the following: "and Super Excellent Master"; so that Section 1 shall read:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months" (continue to end of section without change).

To amend Article XIX, Section 3

FORM OF PETITION FOR THE ORDERS

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of.....
..... Commandery No....., Knights Templar:
The undersigned represents that he received the degree of Master Mason in..... Lodge No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....; that he is at the present time, a member of..... Lodge No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....; that he received the degree of Royal Arch Mason in..... Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....; and that he is at the present time a member of..... Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....; (or, that he has petitioned..... Chapter No....., Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of..... for the Capitular Degrees and that he will be affiliated with..... Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....); in jurisdictions requiring the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, that he received the degree of Select Master in..... Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of.....; and that he is at the present time a member of..... Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of.....; (or, that he has petitioned..... Council No....., Royal and Select Masters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of....., for the Cryptic Degrees and that he will be affiliated with..... Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of.....); that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has not petitioned any other Commandery; (or, that he petitioned..... Commandery No....., on....., and that he was..... (date)..... (elected or rejected).....); that for the year immediately prior to the date of this petition he has resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights

Templar of..... (or, in the case of Subordinate Commanderies, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America) and for the latter half of that year within the jurisdiction of..... Commandery No....., of.....; that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery, and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the..... day of..... A.D.....; in the State of..... His place of residence is..... His occupation is that of..... He has read this petition and signs his full name thereto.

(Sign)

Dated.....

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.

(Amended 1958)

To amend Article XIX, Section 6, of the Constitution by adding the following sentence: "However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1959, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Proposed by R.:E.:SIR FRANK H. WILSON AND

R.:E.:SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

These amendments shall be effective only when and so long as amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island, shall provide and specify that all applications for election to receive the degrees shall also require the applicant simultaneously to sign application for the Orders of Knighthood if his religious beliefs permit signing of a representation that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, will you present Em. Sir John Mitchell, Grand Warder, to the East? (E.:Sir John F. Mitchell presented to the East)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: John, even though your term of office has been short I am proud to have had you as my Grand Warder and I am proud to present you with your Past Grand Warder's jewel. I won't attempt to pin it on but it is a nice jewel as you can see and here also are your Past Grand Warder's shoulder straps and thank you a million for everything.

(E.:Sir John F. Mitchell was escorted back to his station)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I find that it is now just two-thirty and it is time for the election.

Nominations are now in order for the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

ELECTION

The vote having been taken the Grand Commander announced the following Sir Knights elected to the several offices:

R. E. Grand Commander	SIR KT. ALFRED C. BLAKE
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	SIR KT. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
E. Grand Generalissimo	SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH
E. Grand Captain General	SIR KT. RAYMOND L. HALL
E. Grand Senior Warden	SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
E. Grand Junior Warden	SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST
R. E. Grand Treasurer	SIR KT. A. KENNETH MARTIN
R. E. Grand Recorder	SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS

TRUSTEE

SIR KNIGHT HUBERT N. BERNARD, JR. *Three years*

R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER: Right Eminent Grand Commander, as a last duty before you relinquish your office, I would like to move, as is customary in all meetings of all organizations, that all the acts of the Officers and Committees for the fiscal year 1957-1958 be ratified and approved, I so move. Voted unanimously.

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Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T.

Grand Captain General, RAYMOND L. HALL
Elected — but not installed

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E.:Sir Gordon Mitchie, Jr.
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E.:Sir Wilbur F. Garabedian
E.:Sir Howard L. Geer
E.:Sir Thorston B. Lind
E.:Sir Ralph E. Noble
E.:Sir Edward F. Norton
E.:Sir William F. Raymond
E.:Sir Karsten H. Sandmo
E.:Sir Wayne B. Soucey
E.:Sir Norman L. Staveley
E.:Sir Alfred D. Varley

Exemplifications

E.:Sir Thomas C. Brown, *Inspector*
Instructor, Chairman
All Assistant Inspector Instructors

Exemplification Team

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National Color Bearer, E.:Sir John W. Mackey, Jerusalem
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Em. Sir Leonard H. Hoft

Auditor for 1958-1959

E.:Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer

The Officers elected and appointed (with the exception of Sir Knight Raymond L. Hall) were duly installed by Sir Knight Frank H. Wilson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander assisted by Sir Knight Harold S. Crocker, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, as Marshal.

Following the Official Proclamation, Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson presented Right Eminent Sir Dwight C. Page to the East.

R.:E.:SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER: Right Eminent Sir Page, it is a great pleasure for me to present you with a Past Grand Commander's jewel. You have served many years in this Grand Line, and you have been a credit to this Grand Commandery. I know that you will enjoy wearing this jewel which will remind you of the many years of faithful service that you gave to the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In order that you may be properly dressed and turned from red to purple here are your shoulder straps so that you may wear the purple with the rest of us.

R.:E.:SIR FRANK H. WILSON: Now, Right Eminent Grand Commander Blake, that completes our service and the Grand Commandery is yours.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Right Eminent Sir.

R.:E.:Sirs, E.:Sirs, distinguished visitors and Sir Knights. First of all I want to express my sincere appreciation to R.:E.:Sir Frank H. Wilson and R.:E.:Sir Harold Crocker, my good friends, who took the job of installing the officers today and did so in their usual polished and inimitable manner.

I also want to express my appreciation to the Past Commanders of Boston Commandery who turned out in full force to act as the escort of the day and want to express my appreciation to R.:E.: Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., not only for what he did today but for the many things he has done for me in the past and last but not least for having appointed me in line some years ago.

Now I am going to be brief as the hour is getting late.

The Grand Commander outlined his Program for the year and concluded with the following comment:

It has long been my belief, and many of you have heard me say this before, that the success or failure of any Commandery for any given year is 90% the responsibility of the Commander. If a Commander works hard he will have a good Inspection; he will get members; he will make his quota and have a good year. Now with the help of you all and with the help of Almighty God I promise you that I will do my best.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E.:Grand Warder, will you inform the Grand Sentinel that I am about to close this Commandery.

E.:SIR HERMAN C. McSTAY: R.:E.:Grand Commander, the Sentinel is informed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! Uncover! E.:Grand Prelate, lead our Devotions.

REV. AND E.:SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL: Now unto God's Mercy and Protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace now and forevermore. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, recover!

I now declare the 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commander of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned.

(The Grand Commandery was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.)

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks

Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
Room 205 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

October 16, 1957

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E. Sir Clarence E. Goodwin, Mass.,
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E. Sir Chester G. Parsons, Mass.,
East, Central
E. Sir Gordon J. Lee, Mass., East,
Central
E. Sir Irving M. Senter, Mass., East,
Southern

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E. Sir Douglas A. Davis, Mass.,
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Central
E. Sir Henry F. Bell, Mass., East,
Central
E. Sir Oman F. Price, Mass., East,
Southern
E. Sir Raymond H. Truesdale,
Rhode Island

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Members Potential (R.I.)
E. Sir J. Leroy Jones, *Director*
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Central
E. Sir Earl S. Maxwell, Mass., East,
Central
E. Sir George W. Dunlap, Mass.,
East, Central
E. Sir James W. Fish, Mass., East,
Central
E. Sir Thomas L. Rusk, Rhode
Island

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The Massachusetts and Rhode Island
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E. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE

Grand Commander

Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 1
SERIES 1957-1958

To Division Commanders — Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND GRAND
COMMANDERY BALL, Hotel Statler, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1
1958.

I am advised that the Presiding Council's Club has now completed all plans
and that posters and tickets have been distributed.

The selection of the Statler Ball Room for the event this year assures much
more space for the formation of uniformed ranks and Drill Corps work, as
well as for dancing. The balconies provide facilities for viewing the activities
of the evening from points of vantage not available last year in the accom-
modations provided at that time. All signs point to exceptionally good at-
tendance and an even more interesting and enjoyable evening this year, if
such is possible.

Sir Knights of All Commanderies are urged to *attend in uniform and bring
the Banners* of their Commanderies. Three Drill Teams are now committed;
more are expected. Tickets are \$3.50 (not \$3.00) per couple for each Sir
Knight and Lady. Music by Baron Hugo's Orchestra. All arrangements are
to be made through Em. Sir Henry F. Bell, Chairman, 49 Wall Street, Welles-
ley, Mass. Tel.: CEdar 5-3989.

All Commanders are requested to give this event fullest publicity in their
monthly notices.

Division Commanders should make a special effort at every opportunity
and especially at Official Inspections, to arouse the enthusiastic support that
this Annual Assembly well warrants.

Exemplifications:

The last three exemplifications of the year are scheduled as follows:

Jan. 4, 1958 at Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, Lowell, Mass.

Jan. 25, 1958 at Bristol Commandery No. 29, Attleboro, Mass.

Feb. 15, 1958 at Hugh de Payens No. 20, Melrose, Mass.

Commanderies who, for one reason or another, have been unable to partici-
pate in their regularly scheduled exemplifications, are urged to arrange
for participation in one of these final exemplifications of the year if possible.
Officers and Guards of all Commanderies are, of course, welcome at any or
all three.

Please clear all questions pertaining to work assignments and active par-
ticipation through the Chairman of the Exemplification Committee, Em. Sir
Clarence E. Booth.

Dinner reservations should be cleared through the Commander of the Host
Commandery.

Division Commanders of the Grand Commandery are expected to attend
at least one exemplification that they too may benefit from the many points
of interest and questions raised in the course of the work, and thus be in a
better position to instruct and advise the Commanderies of their respective
Divisions in making their preliminary inspection visits. I am sure the Divi-
sion Commanders will be most welcome at any or all exemplifications.

You are requested to adhere to the following REGULATIONS OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA issued in 1949 — see Page 100.

Re: Distribution of Rituals to Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies:

"Issuance of eleven (11) Rituals authorized to each Constituent and
Subordinate Commandery, one for each officer except the Treasurer, for
use during his term of office, the Ritual to be transferred to the next Knight
installed in the respective office, and a receipt for each Ritual to be taken
by the Recorder from the officer installed at time of installation; all Rituals
to be present at the time of the annual installation of officers. All Rituals
issued to Constituent Commanderies shall be issued by the Grand Recorder
of the respective Grand Commandery, who shall require a receipt from the
Recorder of the Commandery for the Rituals so issued . . ."

Following are the officers to whom Rituals should be issued:

Commander	No. 1	Junior Warden	No. 5	Sword Bearer	No. 9
Generalissimo	No. 2	Prelate	No. 6	Warder	No. 10
Captain General	No. 3	Recorder	No. 7	Sentinel	No. 11
Senior Warden	No. 4	Standard Bearer	No. 8		

NOTE: The original Rituals were issued from No. 1 to No. 10 — 11th to 20, and etc. A replaced Ritual should be issued according to the original number. For instance, if No. 8 is missing, the replaced Ritual must take its place.

Re: Receipt for Rituals:

"Recommendation of Grand Master approved, that the Ritual of each office shall be transferred to the officer installed in that office, instead of being held by that same officer while serving through the lines."

Division Commanders will take particular notice of the above Regulations of the Grand Encampment in the course of their inspections of Rituals at Inspections, and be governed accordingly.

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE
Grand Commander

January 29, 1958

OFFICIAL LETTER NO. 2
SERIES 1957-1958

Subject: Suspensions and Demits:

To All Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

Losses thru suspensions and demits have mounted steadily during the past several years. The total for the year ending August 31, 1957 was 239; a record high; and more than double the three-year average of 108 of ten years ago. One out of every four new applications, one-quarter of our effort to expand membership, is now required to offset such losses.

Nor should the effect be measured only in terms of numerical loss or added promotional effort; for the financial, as well as the personal support and interest of every Sir Knights is needed to assure the continued strengthening and growth of our Order. Let's look at that side of the picture a minute.

As of August 31, 1957, based on the current annual dues and losses thru suspensions and demits for the 10-year period from 1948 thru 1957 inclusive:

- (1) The CUMULATIVE LOSS OF INCOME to all Commanderies amounted to \$72,930.00
- (2) The CURRENT ANNUAL LOSS to all Commanderies combined amounted to \$14,839.00
- (3) The CURRENT ANNUAL LOSS to YOUR Commandery No. — amounted to \$

and that annual loss will increase with further suspensions and demits.

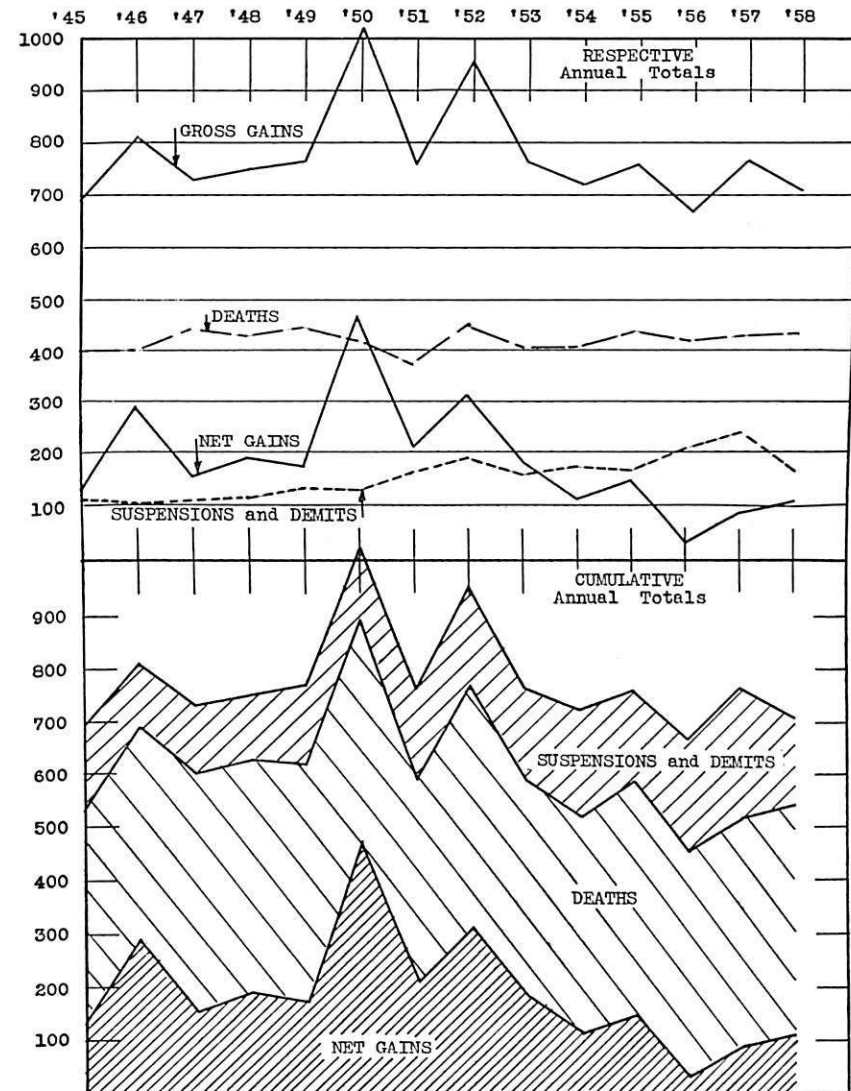
Can your Commandery afford such losses? Could you use that additional income, or part of it, for social, promotional, or other activities to keep Temple prominent and make membership a sought-for privilege in your community?

The problem is serious. Attention is required. And NOW — the time of year when unpaid dues and requests for demits normally come up for consideration.

I realize of course that some situations present few alternatives to suspension or demit. I am equally certain that all too frequently such matters are given but casual thought and attention. Many suspensions and demits can be avoided. Many previously suspended or demited Sir Knights can be brought back into our ranks. Serious attention and reasonable effort are all that is required.

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Membership Gains and Loss — 1945-1958



Prepared by Dwight C. Page

Your Grand Commander, the Committee on Suspensions and Demits, and your Division Commander, all stand ready and anxious to help you with these problems. With this thought in mind, Official Order No. 4, enclosed is being issued.

By working together, and for the best interests of all concerned, I am confident that much can and will be done to reverse the present trend and hold such losses to an absolute minimum. Your fullest cooperation is needed. I am sure it will not be denied.

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE
Grand Commander

REPORT ON PROPOSED SUSPENSION OR DEMIT

..... *Commandery, No.* *Date*

Sir Knight subject to SUSPENSION for non-payment of dues ☐

Amount Due \$.....

Sir Knight requesting DEMIT..... ☐ (Check one)

If to affiliate elsewhere, with what Commandery?.....

This is a report on Sir Knight.....

His address is.....

Date of Knighting..... His age..... Years

(1) This Sir Knight has been contacted by.....

(2) Contact has been made by (please check) Telephone ☐ Letter ☐

Personal Call ☐

(3) Result of contact.....

(4) Briefly the facts in this case are as follows.....

..... *Em. Commander*

Grand Commandery Recommendations.....

.....

By..... Date.....

Final action taken..... Date..... Signed.....

February 5, 1958

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 3
SERIES 1957-1958

Subject: Further Data — Suspensions and Demits:

To All Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights

Official Letter No. 2 recently issued called to your attention both the cumulative and annual *financial* losses resulting from suspensions and demits over the past ten years. The attached tabulation now provides further data for the same period in terms of *membership* losses, and their relationship to the current membership of each Commandery.

In presenting these figures it is neither my desire nor intention to in any way cast reflections upon any Commandery, or present or past Commander. I am sure you all know me well enough to grant me that understanding. The object is simply to present as effectively as I can some sobering facts which should be faced squarely and acted on. They have been prepared and arranged solely to:

- (1) Clearly show the need for immediate and continuing constructive effort to minimize such losses.

- (2) Provide each Commander with a basis of comparison to guide his judgment and aid him in determining the extent of the opportunity present, and effort needed.
- (3) Indicate the most fertile fields for building membership thru possible reinstatements.

The Commanderies have been listed in the order of greatest to least percentage loss with these thoughts in mind. The basic figures are the same used in compiling the data for Official Letter No. 2 and may be readily verified by reference to the Annual Reports of the Grand Commandery Proceedings.

Had it been possible to eliminate these losses, membership and current income from dues would now be greater by the percentage shown less adjustments for reinstatements, which in most cases represent such a small percentage of the totals that they have been disregarded in these calculations. Remember — it is easier to hold a present member than to get a new one.

I plan to work out a similar tabulation at the end of the year in which the average suspensions and demits of the preceding 3 years will be compared with this year's figures; and, with other factors, be taken into consideration in establishing attainment marks for the year.

It would surely seem that no further evidence is needed to clearly indicate the need for your attention and fullest cooperation in an effort to hold our losses to an absolute minimum; and to regain as much lost ground as possible thru reinstatements. Here is an opportunity for constructive effort and substantial gain. Will you take advantage of it?

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE
Grand Commander

January 31, 1958

SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITS — 1948 to 1957 incl.

Commandery	No.	Suspensions	Demits	Total	Current Mbrshp.	% Losses to Cur. Mbrshp.
Bethany	17	17	25	42	136	30.88
Palestine	10	18	27	45	192	23.43
Quincy	47	14	47	61	291	20.96
South Shore	31	8	21	29	154	18.83
St. Paul	49	13	8	21	113	18.58
St. Omer	21	23	33	56	321	17.44
Sir Galahad	52	16	14	30	173	17.34
Gethsemane	35	30	50	80	476	16.80
Joseph Warren	26	4	24	28	169	16.56
Pilgrim	9	23	23	46	294	15.64
Boston	2	115	75	190	1,221	15.56
Beauseant	41	14	33	47	318	14.82
Orange	45	7	2	9	61	14.75
Cyprus	39	7	16	23	157	14.64
Conn. Valley	23	12	9	21	147	14.28
Washington	4	7	8	15	108	13.88
Bristol	29	15	19	34	249	13.65
Temple	48	5	22	27	198	13.63
Trinity	32	12	13	25	188	13.29
Northampton	30	7	7	14	106	13.20
Thomas Smith Webb	51	11	13	24	183	13.11
Reading	50	7	32	39	300	13.00
Bethlehem	43	4	15	19	148	12.83
Milford	11	7	12	19	158	12.02
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	6	7	13	115	11.30

Worcester County . . .	5	35	45	80	713	11.22
Athol	37	3	11	14	129	10.85
Berkshire	22	11	14	25	232	10.77
Jerusalem	19	14	16	30	282	10.63
DeMolay	7	36	45	81	788	10.27
Springfield	6	25	27	52	508	10.23
Woonsocket	24	1	16	17	168	10.11
St. Andrew	49	6	8	14	144	9.72
St. John's	1	17	45	62	648	9.56
Cambridge	42	3	11	14	155	9.03
Winslow Lewis	18	10	8	18	200	9.00
Newburyport	3	9	16	25	300	8.33
Hugh de Payens	20	6	39	45	597	7.53
St. Bernard	12	0	7	7	93	7.52
Holy Sepulchre	8	14	12	26	362	7.18
Sutton	16	17	18	35	530	6.60
Calvary	13	6	35	41	635	6.45
Haverhill	14	13	11	24	373	6.43
Coeur de Lion	34	8	13	21	341	6.15
Natick	33	5	7	12	208	5.76
Narragansett	27	2	8	10	193	5.18
Old Colony	15	4	5	9	189	4.76
Ivanhoe	46	2	10	12	255	4.70
Bay State	38	8	10	18	392	4.59
Olivet	36	7	9	16	437	3.66

OFFICIAL LETTER NO. 4
SERIES 1957-1958

March 14, 1958

To All Division Commanders, Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

It is my desire that all possible publicity be given to the following coming events:

The Twenty-eighth Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 6, 1958 at 7:00 A.M. Tickets may be procured from Raymond N. Babcock, P.G.C., Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

May 24th, Semi-Annual Conclave will be held in the Masonic Temple, Worcester, Mass. Important business, Amendments to our Constitution to be acted upon.

June 3rd, Annual Templar Night at the Pops, sponsored by the Presiding Council Club — full details later.

June 7th, Aleppo Temple will again sponsor an All Masonic Night at Boston Garden. Every Commandery is requested to be present with their banners, Council Officers, and their three full divisions in order to make an outstanding showing of Templary. Questionnaires have already been sent to all Commanders asking for the number of Knights they expect to have in line.

The Triennial Conclave will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Saturday, August 16th thru Friday, August 22nd, 1958. With a full 24 hours in Chicago immediately following the Triennial, a three-day Great Lakes Cruise on Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Erie, and another generous 24 hours at Niagara Falls before entraining at Buffalo, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island 1958 Triennial Trip will provide a combined opportunity and two-week vacation you will long remember — and at a very reasonable cost. Brochures are now being printed and should be in the mail to all Commanderies within a week.

Grand Commandery Office is now located in ROOMS 405 and 406, Fourth Floor, Masonic Temple.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Boston, October 16, 1957, A.O. 839

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 1
SERIES 1957-1958

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

It is a custom of many years' standing in this great Christian Order to urge the establishment in each Commandery of a special Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund, to be used at Christmas Time to relieve distressed or needy Sir Knights, their widows, and orphans, and to bring some measure of happiness into the hearts and homes of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Every Commander is hereby requested to make an earnest plea to each Sir Knight of his Commandery to contribute to such a fund in accordance with his means and ability. A contribution of \$1.00 or more, if means permit, is suggested.

The entire fund so raised by each Commandery is to be expended within its jurisdiction and under the direction of its Em. Commander, to the end that in some suitable way, and to the full extent your generosity permits, that Day set apart in memory of the birth of Christ, the Greatest of all Gifts, may be made a day of happiness and renewed faith for many whose needs might otherwise be in thought and fact forgotten.

As Masons, let us bear in mind that the Spirit of Masonry regards life as an opportunity for the strong to help the weak; for the fortunate to help those less fortunate; and that as Christian Knights we are pledged to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."

Those who have been privileged to assist with Christmas distributions in the past need no words of mine to recall the deep sense of gratification which comes from spoken or unspoken expressions of appreciation by those whose Christmas has been brightened. Others will find their own Christmas a happier and brighter one through that inner satisfaction found in helping others.

"Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6,7.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on the 16th day of October nineteen hundred fifty-seven, A. O. 839.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

COMMITTEE

RT. EM. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
E. . SIR ALDEN C. SAUNDERS
E. . SIR JOHN W. MACKAY
E. . SIR CHARLES W. HULL
E. . SIR HOWARD E. WHITE
E. . SIR GEORGE M. DODGE
E. . SIR CHARLES E. PARSLAW
E. . SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
E. . SIR ARVIN C. M. FRENCH

November 8, 1957

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
SERIES 1957-1958

To Eminent Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers:

Greetings:

Exemplifications or Schools of Instruction designed to assist in perfecting the Work of the Order will be held in five areas. The Commanderies participating, scheduled date, host Commandery, and the Grand Commandery Officer in charge at each Exemplification, follows

1. October 25, 1957

Host—Connecticut Valley Comm. No. 23—Em. Sir Alfred D. Varley, Com.
Grand Commandery Officer in charge—Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth.
Participating Commanderies:

Springfield No. 6	Athol No. 37
Jerusalem No. 19	St. Paul No. 40
Berkshire No. 22	Orange No. 45
Conn. Valley No. 23	Ivanhoe No. 46
Northampton No. 30	St. Andrew No. 49

2. November 9, 1957

Host—St. John's Comm. No. 1—Em. Sir Ralph T. Lewis, Commander.
Grand Commandery Officer in charge—Em. Sir William F. West.
Participating Commanderies:

St. John's No. 1	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25
DeMolay No. 7	Narragansett No. 27
Calvary No. 13	Bay State No. 38
Old Colony No. 15	Temple No. 48
Sutton No. 16	Thomas Smith Webb No. 51

3. January 4, 1958

Host—Pilgrim Comm. No. 9—Em. Sir Norman L. Staveley, Commander.
Grand Commandery Officer in charge—Em. Sir Raymond L. Hall.
Participating Commanderies:

Boston No. 2	Winslow Lewis No. 18
Newburyport No. 3	St. Omer No. 21
Pilgrim No. 9	Gethsemane No. 35
Palestine No. 10	Olivet No. 36
Bethany No. 17	Reading No. 50

4. January 25, 1958

Host—Bristol Comm. No. 29—Em. Sir Clifford S. Sherman, Commander.
Grand Commandery Officer in charge—Em. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin.
Participating Commanderies:

Washington No. 4	Bristol No. 29
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	South Shore No. 31
Milford No. 11	Coeur de Lion No. 34
Woonsocket No. 24	Cambridge No. 43
Joseph Warren No. 26	

5. February 15, 1958

Host—Hugh de Payens Comm. No. 20—Em. Sir Howard L. Gear, Comm.
Grand Commandery Officer in charge—Em. Sir Raymond L. Douglass.
Participating Commanderies:

Worcester County No. 5	Natick No. 33
St. Bernard No. 12	Cyprus No. 39
Haverhill No. 14	Beauseant No. 41
Hugh de Payens No. 20	Bethlehem No. 43
Trinity No. 32	Quincy No. 47
	Sir Galahad No. 52

Registration will be at 2:00 p.m. Start of Exemplification at 2:30 p.m.

The Work will be under the direction of the Inspector Instructor, Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown.

Line Officers of participating Commanderies are requested to wear Full Dress Uniform with side arms.

Line Officers of each Commandery should plan to be present at the start and stay thru the entire Work; regardless of the particular portion of the Work assigned to them; otherwise benefits gained from seeing all the Work and from the question and answer periods following each section, will be lost to them.

Unless otherwise advised prior to the date of each Exemplification a dinner will be arranged by the host Commandery at 6:30 p.m. following the conclusion of the Work. Cost not to exceed \$2.00.

Officers and Sir Knights of other Commanderies are welcome at all Exemplifications.

Dinner guarantees are required by those catering these dinners. All planning to stay for the dinner must make reservations in advance thru the Commander of their own Commandery (if participating), or thru the Commander of the host Commandery (if visiting). All reservations must be paid for as we must not penalize the host Commandery for their courtesy in making arrangements for our convenience and comfort.

It is possible that short special meetings with the Em. Commanders attending may be called following the Exemplification by the Grand Commandery Committee Chairmen present should there be occasion to discuss matters of particular interest.

These Exemplifications will be of material assistance to all concerned in the Work of the Order of the Temple and in the work required for Inspection. Plan to come early and stay thru to the end; you will find it well worth while. Attendance will be recorded and will be a factor in Attainment Marking.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on the 8th day of November, 1957 A.O. 839.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, Grand Commander.

Attest GEORGE A. WEEKS, Grand Recorder

January 29, 1958

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 4
SERIES 1957-1958

To All Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Subject: Reports on Members Subject to Suspension or Requesting Demits:

Sir Knights:

To enable the Grand Commandery to be of more assistance to each Constituent Commandery, and to keep Grand Commandery more closely in touch with our membership situation, it is requested that each Commandery report to the Grand Commander on each member who is being considered for suspension for non-payment of dues; also on each member requesting a demit; especially for purposes other than to transfer to another Commandery.

Reports are to be made on forms as attached, and sent in duplicate directly to the Grand Commander. Additional forms may be obtained from the Grand Recorder as needed.

Each report will be carefully reviewed in detail by the Grand Commander and the Committee on Suspensions and Demits for the purpose of aiding the Commandery in handling the case with due regard to the best interests of all concerned.

The Commandery should postpone final action on each case until comments or suggestions are received.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery this 29th day of January, 1958. A.O. 840.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts, March 5, 1958, A.O. 840

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 5
SERIES 1957-1958

To the Eminent Commander:

Eminent Sir:

You have been advised concerning the All Masonic Night being sponsored again this year at the Boston Garden by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, and no doubt heard about the similar meeting last June when over 15,000 Masons and their Ladies were present at a great gathering dedicated to Masonry.

This year it has been planned to again feature not only the pageantry of the Shrine, but also Masonry generally, including the Scottish Rite, and the colors and picturesque uniforms of Templary.

The desire is to have Commandery banners with guards act as introductory escort for the Grand Commander, which should serve as an unexcelled opportunity for Templary to appear at its best before possible candidates of the future. Invitations have been extended to over 230 Blue Lodges.

We cannot afford to do half a job, nor fail to make a dignified and impressive picture.

Detailed advices will be forwarded later as to exact timing and arrangements. Date is *Saturday evening, June 7*. Probable time is 7 P.M. Place is *Boston Garden* at North Station in Boston. Facilities will be available for dressing if desired, and so stated. Entire event over by 10:30 P.M., but departure can be earlier.

Immediate response is urgently requested.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this 5th day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-eight.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Please advise the Grand Recorder *at once* that there will be present from your Commandery:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Your Commander. Generalissimo, and Captain General | ..... |
| 2. Your colors. How many? | ..... |
| 3. Color guard. (2nd Div.) How many Sir Knights, in addition to colors? | ..... |
| 4. First and Third Divisions. How many Sir Knights? | ..... |
| Total Sir Knights in uniform | ..... |
| Commander | Commandery |

March 14, 1958

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 6
SERIES 1957-1958

To All Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Subject: Dispensations and Release of Jurisdiction

Sir Knights:

In the course of the year certain questions seem to arise periodically and more or less generally throughout the jurisdiction. Most common are those involving Dispensations, Releases of Jurisdiction, Information desired on Monthly Notices of Conclaves, Rulings on Suspensions and Demits, and on Correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions.

The majority of such questions are answered by the following references and extracts from governing regulations and this order is issued for your information and guidance.

Dispensations, refer to Section 48-F — Par. 1 and Par. 2 Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of K.T. of the United States of America, and Article VIII Section 2-F — Par. 1 and Par. 2 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Duties of the Grand Commander

To grant Dispensations to the Constituent Commanderies

1. To hold Special Conclaves for the conferring of the Orders at places within their jurisdictions other than those named in their Charters, and

2. To permit them to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Conclave or at Special Conclaves, after such notice as he may deem proper.

Article XVI — Sec. 1 "No petition may be balloted on in less than two weeks from presentation to the Commandery, provided that the Grand Commander may by Dispensation authorize the presentation of the ballot upon such petition at the same Conclave."

Section 214. Commanderies shall not appear in public without a Dispensation except upon funeral occasions or to attend religious services.

Section 215. "The determination of what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public belongs to the Grand Commander as to the Constituent Commanderies."

NOTE. Neither a Grand Master or a Grand Commander can change the Stated Conclave of a Commandery by Dispensation. (This is governed by your own By-Laws.)

Release of Jurisdiction

Section 82. "No Commandery may confer the Orders, or any one of them, upon any Sojourner unless the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained. In the event of a violation of this section the Commandery offending shall pay to the Commandery having territorial Jurisdiction the fees received for such admission and be subject to such other penalties as may be provided by law."

NOTE. It has been called to my attention that several Commanderies have voted upon petitions where the names were not carried upon their notices and a Dispensation had not been requested or granted. Also that some Commanderies have voted upon petitions without first receiving release of jurisdiction. See Section 82 of Grand Encampment Statutes and Grand Commandery Article XVII where jurisdiction of Constituent Commanderies may be found.

NOTE: All names and addresses of petitions for the Orders, Affiliations or Membership must be borne on the Dispensation (so that a complete record may be had) and all names and addresses of applicants should be borne on the Stated Conclave Notices, unless covered by Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

Bear in mind that our monthly record of petitions, knightings, and membership applications is compiled directly from the information given on your Monthly Notices of Conclaves. Proper credit cannot be given unless the names of your petitioners, etc. appear.

Section 180. "A Petition whether for the Orders or Membership shall be referred to a Committee of Three Members of the Commandery, who shall report in writing as to whether the prayer of the Petitioner should be granted. No ballot thereon shall be had until a report has been made."

Section 191. "A Knight Templar desiring to affiliate with a Commandery must file a Petition for Membership, together with a Demit or its equivalent, which shall be retained by the Commandery petitioned if the Petitioner is elected to membership; if rejected, the Demit, or its equivalent, shall be returned to the Petitioner."

Section 201. "Voluntary non-affiliation in a Lodge or Chapter for six months shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in the Commandery after due notice and hearing.

Section 203. "When a Knight Templar has been suspended or expelled from his Commandery solely because of his suspension or expulsion from his Lodge or Chapter, restoration in such Lodge or Chapter shall entitle him to restoration in his Commandery on written application therefor and a majority vote at a Stated Conclave.

"When he has been suspended from his Commandery solely because of non-payment of dues to the Commandery, he may be restored to membership on a written application therefor and a majority vote at a Stated Conclave and payment of such part of his dues in arrears as the Commandery may require."

Section 205. "Suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar by the Grand Encampment, by a Grand Commandery, or by a Commandery deprives him of membership in the Commandery and all rights and privileges of Knighthood so long as the judgment remains in force."

Section 210. "Correspondence between Commanderies of different Grand Commanderies must be conducted through their respective Grand Commanders, except in cases of petitions for waiver of jurisdiction."

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery this 14th day of March, 1958. A.O. 840.

Courteously yours,

DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Mass., May 29th, 1958

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 7
SERIES 1957-1958

To the Grand Commandery Officers and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

It is my desire that all Banners of the Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction be draped with black crepe or black ribbon for one month — June 1st to June 30th, 1958, in memory of our departed Sir Knight

R. E. SIR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DOWNING, 3RD
Grand Commander 1931-1932

Died — May 23, 1958

This Official Order to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on this 29th day of May, 1958, A.O. 840.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

September 22, 1958 A.O. 840

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 8
SERIES 1957-1958

Sir Knights:

At a meeting of the Inspection and Tactics Committee of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held in Grand Commandery Headquarters on Friday, August 1st, the following Rules and Changes were made in the Tactics:

1. Page 43 — *Line 17 — Clarification.*

P: Pil, hvg ——— P W's W.

This ('s) belongs wherever these letters are used.

2. Page 51 — *Line 36 — Delete.*

All Knights, Fall In.

3. Page 53 — *After Line 10, Insert for Commanderies with 3 man Div.*

SW will go to right of line and in line with division. JW will go to left of line and in line with division.

Without further command from the Commander the first and third divisions will then be marched forward 2 paces, or until lines are about 3 paces distant and in front of Commander's station so that line drawn from Commander's station due West will pass midway between divisions.

SW: JW: (command) DIVISION, FORWARD, MARCH:
DIVISION, HALT, SW: (commands) RIGHT, JW: (commands) LEFT, DRESS; FRONT.

When dressing, Wardens will face divisions.

4. Page 53 — *Line 11 — Title.*

W: Sir Knight (full name): (W swd sal, Insp Off hd sal),
I am directed by the Eminent Commander of
Commandery to ascertain if you are ready to be received

5. Page 53 — *Line 30 — Title.*
W: (Presents sword and announces, in loud voice) Sir Knight (full name), Eminent Deputy Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
6. Page 54 — *Line 1 — Title.*
DGW: Eminent Commander (DGW swd sal, C swd sal), I am directed by Sir Knight (full name), (line office rank, as, Eminent Grand Senior Warden), Commander of the Division (or, if simply a Division Commander, Sir Knight — full name — Eminent Commander of the Division), to inform you that he is present for the purpose of making an official inspection of Commandery.
7. Page 54 — *Line 16 — Title.*
DGW: (reports to Insp Off) Sir Knight (DGW swd sal), Insp Off hd sal), the Commander of Commandery directs me to inform you he is pleased to learn of your presence and will wait upon you at once with Committee and escort. (DGW swd sal, Insp Off hd sal).
8. Page 55 — *Line 14 — Title.*
G: Sir Knight (G hd sal, Insp Off hd sal), (full name) — (Remarks at option of Generalissimo). (G hd sal, IO hd sal).
9. Page 55 — *After Line 5 — How To Form An Escort.*
A Commandery shall use:
(1) A separate escort of 6 men, or
(2) The First Division of 6 men (SW will go to the West end of Division and stand fast until Division is returned to their station and then resume station in front of Division), or
(3) The 3 Knights in the 1st and 3rd Divisions (if only 3 man divisions are used) (When escort has moved on, SW and JW will take 3 steps to the rear.)
Suite Shall Not Pass Thru More Than 6 Knights And The Captain Of The Guard.
10. Page 55 — *Below Line 29 — New Command.*
C: (commands) Sir Knights, Attention.
11. Page 55 — *Line 35 — Title.*
DGW: (announces in a loud voice) Sir Knight (full name) (line office rank, as Eminent Grand Senior Warden), Commander of the Division, (or, if simply a Division Commander, Sir Knight — full name — Eminent Commander of the Division) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and suite.
12. Page 56 — *Line 34 — Title.*
G: (introduces Inspecting Officer. Eminent Commander (G hd sal, C swd sal), I have the honor to present Sir Knight (full name) (line office rank, as Eminent Grand Senior Warden) Commander of the Division (or, if simply a Division Commander, Sir Knight — full name — Eminent Commander of the Division) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who is here for the purpose of making an official inspection of Commandery. (G hd sal, C swd sal).

13. Page 57 — *Line 7 — Addition.*
Generalissimo will stand beside Inspecting Officer until Commander reaches foot of line, then hand salute Inspecting Officer and return (in rear of escort line) to his station.
14. Page 57 — *Line 9 — Title.*
C: (responds) Eminent (or R. Em.) (rank in Grand Commandery) (C swd sal, Insp Off hd sal), and then follows with appropriate remarks.
15. Page 57 — *After Line 27 — New Command.*
Insp Off: Sir Knights on the side lines may be seated. (If R. Em. Grand Commander is present this command shall be given after he has passed thru the escort lines.)
16. Page 58 — *Line 12 — Delete.*
on order "Suite Be Seated."
17. Page 58 — *Line 15 — Delete.*
Insp Off: (commands) Suite, be seated.
18. Page 58 — *After Line 20 — How To Dismiss Escort.*
(1) If separate escort is used: Cp Gd will return escort to South (in front of and becoming part of First Div.) return to his station, and stand at "Attention." or
(2) If First Division is used: Cp Gd will return escort to South, return to his station and stand at "Attention." SW will take station in front of Div. or
(3) If First and Third Divisions are used: Cp Gd will (command) Escort, About, Face, Forward, March; (3 paces) Halt, About, Face, return to his station and stand at "Attention." SW and JW will take stations in front of their Divisions.
19. Page 58 — *Lines 21, 22 & 23 — Delete.*
Captain of the Guard will return escort to South (in front of and becoming part of first Division), return to his station, and stand at "Attention."
20. Page 72 — *Line 27 — Clarification.*
Sep. Gd.: (Adv — Pen's W.
This ('s) belongs wherever P P's W letters are used.

It is my Order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records. These Rules and Changes to become effective immediately.

Given under my hand and Seal of this Grand Commandery on this 22nd day of September 1958.

Courteously yours,
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander.*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

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ADDENDA

PRECEDENCE OF GRAND COMMANDERIES BASED UPON THE DATE
OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

1. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND May 6, 1805
 2. NEW YORK June 18, 1814
 3. VIRGINIA Nov. 27, 1823
 4. VERMONT June 27, 1824
 5. NEW HAMPSHIRE June 13, 1826
 6. CONNECTICUT Sept. 13, 1827
 7. OHIO Oct. 24, 1843
 8. KENTUCKY Oct. 15, 1847
 9. MAINE May 5, 1852
 10. PENNSYLVANIA April 12, 1854
 11. INDIANA May 16, 1854
 12. TEXAS Jan. 18, 1855
 13. MISSISSIPPI Jan. 21, 1857
 14. MICHIGAN April 7, 1857
 15. ILLINOIS Oct. 27, 1857
 16. CALIFORNIA Aug. 10, 1858
 17. TENNESSEE Oct. 12, 1859
 18. WISCONSIN Oct. 20, 1859
 19. NEW JERSEY Feb. 14, 1860
 20. GEORGIA April 25, 1860
 21. MISSOURI May 22, 1860
 22. ALABAMA Nov. 29, 1860
 23. LOUISIANA Feb. 12, 1864
 24. IOWA June 6, 1864
 25. MINNESOTA Oct. 23, 1865
 26. KANSAS Dec. 29, 1868
 27. MARYLAND Jan. 23, 1871
 28. NEBRASKA Dec. 27, 1871
 29. ARKANSAS Mar. 23, 1872
 30. WEST VIRGINIA Feb. 25, 1874
 31. COLORADO Mar. 14, 1876
 32. NORTH CAROLINA May 10, 1881
 33. SOUTH DAKOTA May 14, 1884
 34. OREGON April 13, 1887
 35. WASHINGTON June 2, 1887
 36. WYOMING Mar. 7, 1888
 37. MONTANA May 14, 1888
 38. NORTH DAKOTA June 16, 1890
 39. ARIZONA Nov. 16, 1893
 40. FLORIDA Aug. 15, 1895
 41. *INDIAN TERRITORY Dec. 27, 1895
 42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Jan. 14, 1896
 43. *OKLAHOMA Feb. 10, 1896
 44. NEW MEXICO Aug. 21, 1901
 45. IDAHO Aug. 31, 1904
 46. SOUTH CAROLINA Mar. 25, 1907
 47. UTAH April 20, 1910
 48. NEVADA April 15, 1918
- (*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No.	MEMBERS PRESENT	VISITORS	SUITE	TOTAL	ANNUAL DUES	LIFE MEM- BERSHIP	DATE OF INSPECTION	POINTS	MARK	NAME OF INSPECTING OFFICER
St. John's	1	150	7	44	201	7.00	140.00	Feb. 3, 1958	975	10	Raymond L. Hall
Boston	2	230	11	60	301	10.00	150.00	Mar. 19, 1958	963	9	Clarence E. Booth
Newburyport	3	131	28	44	203	10.00	150.00	Dec. 19, 1957	990	10	Raymond L. Hall
Washington	4	35	0	18	53	6.00	90.00	May 7, 1958	902	9	Raymond L. Hall
Worcester County	5	115	4	47	166	10.00	200.00	Apr. 10, 1958	974	10	Raymond L. Hall
Springfield	6	120	8	26	154	10.00	150.00	Feb. 10, 1958	912	9	Raymond L. Hall
De Molay	7	247	6	48	301	10.00	150.00	Nov. 27, 1957	976	10	Raymond L. Hall
Holy Sepulchre	8	118	4	63	185	10.00	200.00	Mar. 28, 1958	993	10	Raymond D. Douglass
Pilgrim	9	75	10	36	121	11.00	165.00	Jan. 22, 1958	940	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Palatine	10	53	3	18	74	10.00	150.00	Nov. 13, 1957	911	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Milford	11	60	30	30	95	9.00	135.00	Apr. 22, 1958	971	10	Raymond D. Douglass
St. Bernard	12	40	1	20	61	40.00	750.00	Feb. 12, 1958	940	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Calvary	13	125	5	52	182	6.00	90.00	Mar. 18, 1958	970	10	Raymond D. Douglass
Haverhill	14	162	24	66	252	8.00	120.00	May 13, 1958	972	10	Raymond D. Douglass
Old Colony	15	47	1	19	67	5.00	75.00	Nov. 25, 1957	973	10	William F. West
Sutton	16	162	9	50	221	7.00	105.00	Dec. 5, 1957	962	9	William F. West
Bethany	17	47	11	51	109	10.00	150.00	Feb. 31, 1958	940	9	William F. West
Winslow Lewis	18	59	2	32	93	8.00	160.00	Feb. 20, 1958	969	9	William F. West
Jerusalem	19	68	5	35	108	10.00	150.00	Apr. 17, 1958	993	10	William F. West
Hugh de Payens	20	204	23	62	289	9.00	135.00	Apr. 9, 1958	993	10	William F. West
St. Onor	21	91	21	42	154	8.00	120.00	Jan. 20, 1958	971	10	William F. West
Berkshire	22	59	11	32	102	5.00	75.00	Apr. 14, 1958	970	10	William F. West
Connecticut Valley	23	52	2	25	80	7.00	105.00	Nov. 5, 1957	958	9	Louis A. Beaudoin
Woonsocket	24	58	2	27	87	9.00	135.00	Feb. 11, 1958	938	9	Louis A. Beaudoin
Calvary	25	39	3	27	70	7.00	150.00	Jan. 15, 1958	929	9	Louis A. Beaudoin
Godfrey de Bouillon	26	40	7	32	78	10.00	150.00	Mar. 3, 1958	942	9	Louis A. Beaudoin
Joseph Warren	27	63	1	19	83	5.00	75.00	Apr. 2, 1958	972	10	Louis A. Beaudoin
Narragansett	28	61	4	30	95	6.00	90.00	Feb. 7, 1958	956	9	Louis A. Beaudoin
Bristol	29	31	5	17	62	8.00	120.00	Dec. 9, 1957	960	9	Gilbert G. Machon
North Shore	30	56	6	58	117	8.00	160.00	Mar. 27, 1958	953	9	Gilbert G. Machon
South Shore	31	56	6	18	71	6.00	90.00	Apr. 16, 1958	980	9	Gilbert G. Machon
Trinity	32	78	6	37	121	6.00	90.00	Mar. 10, 1958	984	10	Gilbert G. Machon
Natick	33	78	6	37	121	6.00	90.00	Apr. 10, 1958	984	10	Gilbert G. Machon
Coeur de Lion	34	93	10	36	139	7.00	105.00	Feb. 18, 1958	976	10	Gilbert G. Machon
Getiseman	35	120	8	37	160	10.00	150.00	Feb. 25, 1958	964	9	Gilbert G. Machon
Olivet	36	105	3	25	138	7.00	105.00	Nov. 23, 1957	932	9	Gilbert G. Machon
Atliot	37	56	10	34	96	6.00	90.00	Mar. 12, 1958	903	9	Russell R. Long
Day State	38	142	4	30	180	7.00	135.00	Nov. 18, 1957	989	10	Russell R. Long
Cyprus	39	49	3	28	86	7.00	150.00	Apr. 21, 1958	959	9	Russell R. Long
St. Paul	40	48	11	27	86	10.00	200.00	Feb. 24, 1958	980	10	Russell R. Long
Beausant	41	88	2	23	113	8.00	125.00	Mar. 25, 1958	920	9	Russell R. Long
Canbridge	42	37	3	12	52	10.00	150.00	Apr. 21, 1958	982	10	Russell R. Long
Bethlehem	43	68	14	26	108	6.00	90.00	Feb. 28, 1958	874	9	G. Burton Long
Orange	44	27	12	24	63	7.00	105.00	Nov. 7, 1957	987	10	G. Burton Long
Ivanhoe	45	97	36	47	180	7.00	180.00	Mar. 24, 1958	985	10	G. Burton Long
Quincy	46	95	6	45	146	6.00	120.00	Dec. 12, 1957	957	9	G. Burton Long
Temple	47	95	2	33	87	7.00	105.00	Jan. 17, 1958	909	9	G. Burton Long
St. Andrew	48	52	2	22	91	9.00	135.00	Jan. 13, 1958	995	10	G. Burton Long
Reading	49	61	4	64	225	10.00	150.00	Nov. 15, 1957	974	10	G. Burton Long
Thomas Smith Webb	50	117	8	56	136	8.00	120.00	Feb. 17, 1958	924	9	G. Burton Long
Sir Galahad	52	30	1	2	33						
Total		4,646	489	1,906	7,041						
Comparison with last year		4,289	424	1,756	6,469						
		-357	-65	-150	-572						

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	DATE OF CHARTER	STATED CONCLAVE	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	ANNUAL CONCLAVE	INSTALLATION
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
DeMolay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery	Feb. 21, 1940			
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	Apr. 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	Apr. 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Medford, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	June
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Charter arrested July 17, 1945				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery	Feb. 20, 1952			

GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at \$5.00	Per Capita at \$5.00	G. E. Eye Assessment	Total
St. John's	1	1,221	1,221	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.00	533.52	6,180.00	1,221.32
Boston	2	1,213	1,213	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.00	1,037.10	1,221.00	2,458.10
Newburyport	3	307	307	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	80.00	262.18	300.00	612.18
Washington	4	101	101	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	86.36	108.00	204.36
Worcester County	5	730	730	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	190.00	621.13	713.00	1,527.13
Springfield	6	508	508	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	210.00	450.58	508.00	1,168.58
DeMolay	7	804	804	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	235.00	687.12	788.00	1,710.12
Holy Sepulchre	8	359	359	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.00	306.95	362.00	728.95
Pilgrim	9	294	294	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.00	253.08	294.00	647.08
Palestine	10	192	192	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.00	166.72	192.00	398.72
Milford	11	158	158	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.00	141.93	158.00	359.93
St. Bernard	12	93	93	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	79.52	93.00	187.52
Calvary	13	625	625	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.00	535.23	635.00	1,215.23
Haverhill	14	369	369	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.00	315.50	373.00	748.50
Old Colony	15	189	189	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	110.00	173.57	180.00	472.57
Sutton	16	530	530	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.00	453.15	530.00	1,083.15
Bethany	17	131	131	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	112.01	170.55	200.00	483.01
Winslow Lewis	18	200	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	85.00	170.55	200.00	464.55
Jerusalem	19	282	282	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.00	243.68	282.00	585.68
Hugh de Payens	20	597	597	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	115.00	510.44	597.00	1,222.44
St. Omer	21	321	306	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	261.63	321.00	592.63
Berkshire	22	248	248	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	130.00	212.01	232.00	574.01
Connecticut Valley	23	147	147	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	124.83	147.00	296.83
Woonsocket	24	168	174	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	148.77	168.00	376.77
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	115	115	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	90.18	115.00	230.18
Joseph Warren	26	169	164	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	140.22	169.00	334.22
Narragansett	27	193	188	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	160.71	193.00	363.71
Bristol	28	219	261	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	85.00	223.15	249.00	557.15
Northampton	29	106	103	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	88.07	106.00	199.07
South Shore	30	154	152	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.00	129.96	154.00	333.96
Trinity	31	188	182	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	155.61	188.00	358.61
Natick	32	208	218	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	195.00	212.01	208.00	615.01
Coeur de Lion	33	341	358	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	110.00	306.09	341.00	757.09
Gethsemane	34	476	481	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	70.00	411.26	476.00	957.26
Olivet	35	437	442	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	85.00	377.91	437.00	899.91
Athol	36	127	127	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	108.50	129.00	252.50
Bay State	37	380	380	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	324.30	380.00	741.30
Cyprus	38	157	157	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	65.00	134.24	157.00	356.24
St. Paul	39	113	111	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	97.47	113.00	225.47
Beauseant	40	318	323	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	90.00	276.17	318.00	684.17
Cambridge	41	150	150	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	128.25	155.00	298.25
Bethlehem	42	155	157	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.00	134.24	148.00	342.24
Orange	43	148	148	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	134.24	148.00	292.24
Ivanhoe	44	61	60	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.00	51.30	61.00	122.30
Quincy	45	255	255	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.00	218.03	255.00	508.03
Temple	46	291	292	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	249.66	291.00	615.66
St. Andrew	47	198	192	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	164.16	198.00	372.16
Reading	48	144	144	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	65.00	131.67	144.00	340.67
Thomas Smith Webb	49	307	307	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	55.00	262.49	300.00	617.49
Sir Galahad	50	178	178	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	152.19	183.00	365.19
Winthrop	51	173	173	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	147.92	173.00	345.92
Total	52	14,818	14,954	608	23	19	98	67	4	435	3,340.00	12,785.72	14,848.00	30,973.72

ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

COMMANDERY	No.	RECORDER	ADDRESS
St. John's	1	Henry H. Wardle	80 Belvidere Blvd., No. Providence 11, R.I.
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	36 Norman St., Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Harold Gaylord Ransom	111 Woodlawn Pl., Long Meadow, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	25 Cavanaugh Rd., Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Arthur L. Wilbur	28 Farnum St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Arthur E. Dyar	269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	George P. LeGrow	28 Mt. Vernon St., Saugus, Mass.
Milford	11	Kelsie E. Townsend	Bates St., R.F.D., Bellingham, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Harry L. Wiggin	171 Perkins St., Melrose 76, Mass.
Calvary	13	Charles H. Leffingwell	131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Nerses Der Garabedian	122 South Elm St., Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	Kenneth E. Clifford	437 E. Water St., Rockland, Mass.
Sutton	16		
Bethany	17	Fred M. Barr	1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Walter D. Cooke	25 Mill St., So. Hamilton, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	Karl Olavi Lepisto	79 Foote Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Dana C. Salmon	81 School St., Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Floyd C. Arnold	172 (Rear) Great Road, Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Warren P. Hathaway	P. O. Box 1615, Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Ernest J. Comi	1 Pagoda St., Milton 86, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	28	George W. Eberhardt	28 Raeburn Drive, Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	35 Stillson Ave., Florence, Mass.
South Shore	31	John E. Laneau	457 Pond St., So. Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity	32	William A. Manson	28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	Rodney S. Adams	232 Manning St., Needham, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	Chester A. Cleveland	40 Chaske Ave., Auburndale 66, Mass.
Olivet	36	Harry A. Hemingway	51 Philips Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	Leon E. Whitney	404 Unity Ave., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Robert L. Coombs	297 Forest Ave., Brockton 16, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Chester Leo Crawford	9 Tremont St., Dedham, Mass.
St. Paul	40	Duncan McNaughton	131 Marion Ave., No. Adams, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Earle T. Merchant	19 Bass Ave., Gloucester, Mass.
Orange	44	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E. Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	George Valentine Shirley	124 Billings Road, No. Quincy, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Arvin C. M. French	148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	Francis C. H. Lazenby	126 West St., Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Alfred E. Grant	68 Glenview Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Raymond C. Ellis	51 Franklin St., Watertown, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

TERM OF OFFICE	GRAND COMMANDER	MEMBER OF COMMANDERY	No.	TERM OF OFFICE	GRAND COMMANDER	MEMBER OF COMMANDERY	No.	MEMBER OF COMMANDERY	No.
1805-1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1906-1907	*E. Bentley Young	St. John's	1	Joseph Warren	26
1818-1820	*William Wilkinson	Boston	2	1907-1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2	Boston	2
1820-1825	*Henry Fowle	St. John's	1	1908-1909	*John D. Munroe	St. John's	1	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1825-1828	*John Carile	Boston	2	1909-1910	*Walter W. Burnham	Boston	2	St. John's	1
1828-1832	*John J. Loring	"	2	1910-1911	*J. Albert Blake	"	2	Winslow Lewis	18
1832-1833	*Robert Lash	"	2	1911-1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	"	2	Cambridge	42
1833-1835	*Edward A. Raymond	"	2	1912-1913	*Frank L. Nagle	"	2	Gethsemane	35
1835-1837	*Abraham A. Dame	"	2	1913-1914	*William W. Johnson	"	2	Worcester County	5
1837-1839	*John Hews	"	2	1914-1915	*Walter F. Medding	"	2	Beauseant	41
1839-1842	*Charles W. Moore	"	2	1915-1916	*Frederick I. Dana	"	2	Calvary	13
1842-1845	*John B. Hammett	"	2	1916-1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	"	2	Springfield	6
1845-1847	*Ruel Baker	"	2	1917-1918	*William H. Emerson	"	2	Bay State	38
1847-1848	*John R. Bradford	"	2	1918-1919	*William J. Bolton	"	2	Athol	37
1848-1851	*James Hutchison	"	2	1919-1920	*Everett C. Benton	"	2	St. Bernard	12
1851-1854	*Simon W. Robinson	Holy Sepulchre	8	1920-1921	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8	Pilgrim	9
1854-1856	*Daniel Harwood	DeMolay	7	1921-1922	*James S. Blake	DeMolay	7	Holy Sepulchre	8
1856-1858	*William Field	Boston	2	1922-1923	*Charles R. Hunt	Boston	2	Sutton	16
1858-1860	*Winlow Lewis	"	2	1923-1924	*Asa C. Jewett	"	2	Gethsemane	35
1860-1862	*William Ellison	St. John's	1	1924-1925	*Clarence M. Dunbar	St. John's	1	Bristol	23
1862-1863	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1925-1926	*James A. Gunn	Pilgrim	9	Connecticut Valley	29
1863-1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1926-1927	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1	DeMolay	7
1865-1867	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1927-1928	*Clarence E. Burleigh	St. Bernard	12	Beauseant	41
1867-1869	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1928-1929	*Charles F. White	St. Omer	21	Boston	2
1869-1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1929-1930	*Frederick H. Briggs	Calvary	13	Washington	26
1871-1873	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1930-1931	*Benjamin F. Downing	Pilgrim	9	St. Paul	40
1873-1875	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1931-1932	*George L. Dodd	St. John's	1	St. Paul	40
1875-1877	*John Dean	Worcester County	15	1932-1933	*William S. Hamilton	Worcester County	15	St. John's	1
1877-1879	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1933-1934	*Arthur S. Vaughn	Calvary	13	St. John's	1
1879-1880	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1934-1935	*Harold W. Sprague	Coeur de Lion	34	Bay State	38
1880-1882	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1935-1936	*Charles T. Converse	Bethany	17	Springfield	6
1882-1884	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1936-1937	*George T. Everett	Pilgrim	9	DeMolay	7
1884-1885	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1937-1938	*Adelbert E. Place	St. John's	1	Calvary	13
1885-1886	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1938-1939	*Harrison Hyslop	Springfield	6	Gethsemane	35
1886-1887	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1939-1940	*Arthur A. Stewart	Olivet	36	Pilgrim	9
1887-1888	*James Swords	Holy Sepulchre	8	1940-1941	*John E. Rines	Holy Sepulchre	8	Haverhill	14
1888-1889	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	20	1941-1942	*Arlan M. Spencer	Washington	20	Orange	45
1889-1890	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	4	1942-1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Worcester County	4	Cyprus	39
1890-1891	*William H. Soule	St. Omer	5	1943-1944	*George B. Sampson	St. Omer	5	St. Andrew	49
1891-1892	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36	1944-1945	*G. Lester Marston	Olivet	36	Coeur de Lion	34
1892-1893	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2	1945-1946	*Frank H. Wilson	Boston	2	Hugh de Payens	20
1893-1894	*Eugene H. Richards	Berkshire	8	1946-1947	*Harold S. Crocker	Berkshire	8	Bay State	38
1894-1895	*Walter Cutting	Holy Sepulchre	8	1947-1948	*Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr.	Holy Sepulchre	8	St. Omer	21
1895-1896	*Herbert F. Morse	St. John's	26	1948-1949	*J. Herbert Hinds	St. John's	26	South Shore	31
1896-1897	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20	1949-1950	*Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Hugh de Payens	20	Quincy	47
1897-1898	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36	1950-1951	*Frederic Kennedy	Olivet	36	Pilgrim	9
1898-1899	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13	1951-1952	*Kenneth H. Earle	Calvary	13	Natick	33
1899-1900	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18	1952-1953	*Mortimer W. Schroeder	Winslow Lewis	18	Calvary	13
1900-1901	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14	1953-1954	*Thomas A. Booth	Haverhill	14	St. John's	1
1901-1902	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6	1954-1955		Springfield	6	Beauseant	41
1902-1903				1955-1956				Sutton	16
1903-1904				1956-1957				Worcester County	5
1904-1905				1957-1958					

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THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

Names	Years	Residence	Died
1 DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2 Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3 James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4 Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5 William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6 Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7 Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8 William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9 John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10 James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11 Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12 Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13 Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14 Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15 John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16 Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17 Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18 Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19 Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20 Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21 Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22 Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23 Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24 Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25 Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26 Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27 George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28 William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29 Percy W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30 Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31 Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32 Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33 Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	
34 Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35 John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	
36 Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37 William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, Mo.	
38 Walter A. DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, New York	
39 Louis Henry Wieber	1958-		

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES TO AND FROM MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

FROM MASS. AND R. I.	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND COMMANDERIES	TO MASS. AND R. I.	P. O. ADDRESS
Velmor A. Meadows	Opelika, Ala.	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Herbert W. Edwards	Bisbee	Arizona	R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy	Wellesley, Mass.
George F. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Charles W. Gurdy	Swampscott, Mass.
James F. Dougan	Long Beach	California	E. Sir Herman C. McStay	Everett, Mass.
Earl W. Spencer	Pueblo	Colorado	E. Sir Robert E. Powell	Needham, Mass.
Archibald G. Prisk	Washington, Conn.	Connecticut	E. Sir Harold A. Budreau	Winthrop, Mass.
Percy W. Jones	Washington	District of Columbia	R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker	Brockton, Mass.
John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page	Shrewsbury, Mass.
R. A. Smith	Athens	Georgia	R. E. Sir James R. Hooper	Dedham, Mass.
Norton Winegar	Moscow	Idaho	R. E. Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd	Lowell, Mass.
Stuart E. Pierson	Carrollton	Illinois	R. E. Sir Arthur E. Erickson	North Scituate, R. I.
Paul G. Smiley	Washington	Indiana	R. E. Sir Frank B. Ellis	Boston, Mass.
Carl W. Reed	Cresco	Iowa	E. Sir Prescott W. Eaton	Newbury, Mass.
Stanley J. Kirke	Wichita	Kansas	E. Sir Richard E. Goff	Pawtucket, R. I.
Walter A. Tillitt	Danville	Kentucky	E. Sir Harold L. Burr	Needham, Mass.
Hepburn Byrd	Bogalusa, La.	Louisiana	R. E. Sir William S. Cooper	Malden, Mass.
Albert E. Anderson	Portland	Maine	R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton	Williamstown, Mass.
Norman Strippy	Baltimore, Maryland	Maryland	R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder	Everett, Mass.
Frank G. Millard	Flint	Michigan	R. E. Sir William F. Clark	Watertown, Mass.
Herbert E. Doering	New Ulm	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth	New Bedford, Mass.
Walter P. Abbott	Natchez	Mississippi	E. Sir Erford W. Poole	New Bedford, Mass.
William C. Gordon	Marshall	Missouri	M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
Richard Richardson	Deer Lodge	Montana	E. Sir Alfred C. Blake	Boston, Mass.
Dwight W. Porter	Broken Bow	Nebraska	E. Sir John J. Mitchell	Shrewsbury, Mass.
William R. Overfelt	McGill	Nevada	E. Sir Alexander Campbell	So. Boston, Mass.
C. Wesley Lyons	Rochester	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir John E. Rines	Winchester, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	E. Sir Clarence E. Booth	Leominster, Mass.
Stanley D. Seigler	Schenectady, N. Y.	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Medford, Mass.
Andrew S. Melvin	Gastonia	North Carolina	E. Sir William H. Evans	Providence, R. I.
Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	Ohio	R. E. Sir George A. Weeks	Brockton, Mass.
Howard R. Malone	Dayton, Ohio	Oklahoma	E. Sir Everett B. Byes	Edgewood, R. I.
Harold W. Given	Okmulgee	Oregon	R. E. Sir George Ringchrist	Longmeadow, Mass.
T. Stuart Drake	Portland, Oregon	Pennsylvania	R. E. Sir N. Russell Lynn	S. Weymouth, Mass.
Jesse T. Anderson	Easton	South Dakota	E. Sir Clayton Fay Fisher	Medford Hill, Mass.
George F. Westover	Pierre	Tennessee	E. Sir Edgar Ringquist	Worcester, Mass.
Earl Lee Taylor	Johnson City	Texas	R. E. Sir George B. Sampson	Holyoke, Mass.
Dr. R. E. Henderson	Athens	Utah	E. Sir John C. Mick	Belmont, Mass.
Warren E. Fleetwood	Salt Lake City	Vermont	E. Sir Leslie M. Collins	Melrose, Mass.
Arthur E. Dietrich	Burlington	Virginia	R. E. Sir Clarence R. Davis	W. Medford, Mass.
Harry W. Smith	Danville, Va.	Washington	R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
Cecil M. Ward	Seattle	West Virginia	R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft	Providence, R. I.
Frank H. Jordan	Huntington, Wisc.	Wisconsin	E. Sir Walter E. Furber	Melrose, Mass.
Orval Pechmann	Milwaukee	Wyoming	E. R. Sir Kenneth H. Earle	Providence, R. I.
William J. Haines	Evanston			

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens	Payens de Montidier
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar	Archibald de Saint Aman
Roral	Andre de Montbar
Gundemar	Count of Provence
Godfrey Bisol	

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of DeMolay

	A.D.		A.D.
1 Hugh de Payens . . .	1118	14 Philip de Plessis . . .	1201
2 Robert of Burgundy . .	1139	15 William de Carnota . .	1217
3 Everard de Barri . . .	1147	16 Peter de Montagu . . .	1218
4 Bernard de Trenellape .	1151	17 Armand de Petragrossa .	1229
5 Bertrand de Blanchefort .	1154	18 Herman de Petragrorius .	1237
6 Andrew de Montbar . . .	1165	19 William de Rupefort . .	1244
7 Philip of Naplus . . .	1169	20 William de Sonnac . . .	1247
8 Odo de St. Amand . . .	1171	21 Reginald Vichierius . . .	1250
9 Arnold de Troye	1180	22 Thomas Beraud	1257
10 John Terricus	1185	23 William de Beaujeau . .	1274
11 Gerard Ridefort	1187	24 Rheobald Gaudinius . .	1291
12 Robert Sablaeus	1191	25 Jacques de Molay	1298
13 Robert Gralius	1196		

DeMolay died in 1314.

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1958.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1958 = A. L. 5958.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1958 = A. I. 2487.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1958 = A. Dep. 2958.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1958 = A. O. 840.



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